

## Part B

## SUMMARY OF GREEN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Pine School (TPS) is a community of students, staff, and families that continue working towards a sustainable future. The Pine School is changing as a school uniting both the lower and upper campus on the Hobe Sound school grounds gives us the opportunity to begin teaching students about the environment and their role in it as early learners and build on that sense of responsibility as the students graduate on the through middle and high school. TPS is a place where students participate in the environment that surrounds them whether that be by working in the school garden to contribute to lunch, learning math and map skills through orienteering the campus natural areas or taking ownership over the school grounds and building an outdoor classroom for TPS students to utilize. The upper campus has roughly 50 acres which have preserve status keeping the native Florida environment undisturbed allowing students to study the environment in its natural form. After receiving Green School Recognition in 2014 students, staff, and families had a renewed excitement and passion for not only maintaining our Green School mission but exceeding it. Ideas began to form and students and teachers began to collaborate and brainstorm new and exciting ways to continue to "green" our school and teach our students that they can have a positive impact beyond the classroom. The formation of the student driven Environmental Prefect committee has given students ownership over their involvement and the green projects. Projects such as the student built outdoor classroom, new campus wide paper recycling initiative, Banner Lake cemetery clean up, and the Florida Environmental Celebration, and Eco-Fashion show are a few of the green projects that students participate in. TPS is working towards being a place where students and staff are made aware of their role in the conservation of resources by making them accountable for their usage of them. Staff is made aware of their copy usage every time they log into their computers. Highlighting responsible recycling and waste disposal practices. Students participate in energy saving lessons and practices. Students calculate how long it will take for natural resources to expire, sparking great conversations about how we can limit our uses of these resources. Using native drought tolerant plants on campus and use of 100% reclaimed water helps teach our students responsible water usage practices. TPS invites the community to participate to run/walk in our annual Knight Run, promoting healthy lifestyles! TPS in conjunction with FLIK independent school dining promotes school wide healthy eating and exercise habits. Food served in the dining hall is prepared with minimal fats and sodium. Vegetarian and gluten free meals are available and all seafood served is in compliance with the seafood watch program ensuring sustainable harvesting practices were used. TPS health professionals help keep our families informed and share vital health information through email notifications. Students take part in community service projects and during off campus learning week participate in outreach programs. Exercise habits are promoted with an athletic requirement that states all students must participate in at least one sport a year. The Pine School is dedicated to continue to educate and green our future leaders!