

Part B- Summary of Green School Activities

Warfield Elementary school campus has gone through many changes, which have affected the school landscape. Our school grounds, with the help of planning from Garden Club and staff, are becoming a place for outdoor learning with gardens attracting Florida species.

The campus has a vegetable garden, as well as vertical gardens with herbs, and various planting projects using Grow 'ums and pumpkin seeds. Butterflies are attracted to plants that are tended by our students in the butterfly garden. Bird feeder stations are attracting native Floridian birds. Students work on curriculum at outdoor picnic tables located under shade trees.

Currently our school holds the "Watt-son Award" for conserving the most energy district wide. Our Fruit and Vegetable Program promotes healthy nutrition and provides healthy snacks with food waste being used for community composting. The nationwide Mighty Milers Program promotes fitness. The SWA provides recycle bins for our campus. We participated in the SchoolPool 2015 New Year's Campaign. The goal behind the campaign is to create an awareness of carpool importance and leaving a small carbon footprint. A rain barrel has been installed near the butterfly garden to help with water conservation.

Environmental concepts are integrated into the curriculum. All grades are taught about the Everglades and its importance to Florida. Our local environmentally friendly cleaning products company educated our students on the importance of using toxic free cleaning materials. Nature based learning is incorporated to provide direct experiences in nature.

We have an extensive Green Committee which is involved in the community. These partnerships support our school environmental projects, such as tree plantings, recycling CD's and caps for the Caps of Love Project. The Education Coalition, as well as the Pine Jog Education Center helps provide grant money for environmental projects. . We have a strong partnership with the Chamber of Commerce.

The Green School Committee meets regularly and receives support from administrators. Administrators share our successes at SAC, district, and Chamber meetings. They work with the Oceanographic Initiative to obtain grant funds for field trips. Their integration of Science Early Release days and time for planning has been very successful.

Early Release Days emphasize science and environmental studies. Monitoring our school energy usage and collaborating with the District Operations Manager has kept Warfield focused on saving energy. A green fundraiser, Smencils, will raise money for Green activities.

Warfield Elementary is committed to our Green School goals and knows that "we make the world we live in and shape our own environment." (Orison Swett Marden)