

Summary of 2014-2015 Green School Activities

Watson B. Duncan Middle School has begun to participate in the Green Schools Recognition Program (GSRP) for the first time this school year. We believe that we will meet and possibly exceed the expectations required to become a Green School of Promise. We hope that our efforts to become a Green School will continue to expand into the future and that we can one day become an example to our community as an Green School of Excellence.

Duncan Middle School has worked to enhance our school grounds through beautification projects for our school flagpole and our school butterfly garden. This year, we worked with the school beautification team to redesign the school flagpole area by removing old shrubs and planting new, native plants to boost the appearance for the front of the school entrance. We also had a beautification project for the school butterfly garden, which was aimed at removing old plants and dead trees with new plants. We hope to one day turn our butterfly garden into a fully functional outdoor classroom.

We have developed plans for sustainability of green programs for years to come by working with all shareholders of the community in an effort to remain green. The green team has assisted in projects with the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), Student Government Association (SGA), the Builders Club (a Kiwanis Club Affiliate), individual staff members, students, and parents aimed at green ideas, education, and curriculum. We hope to create programs that will endure far into the 21st century and that these ideas can be passed on to the community and to students entering the global workplace. These projects include fundraising efforts, green programs, and green curriculum and technology.

The green schools team has become dedicated to efforts aimed at raising funds through grant programs to ensure that our green programs will continue to function. It is a reality that many of our programs could not exist without careful and meticulous budgeting. We continuously work with community partners to ensure that we can procure funding of our green school initiatives. Additionally, we welcome outside organizations to share innovative ways that they are using green programs and technology in their places of business.

The efforts being made by the green team would not be possible without an abundance of staff, student, parent, and community involvement. However, our school administrative team has been a valuable asset to reaching our green goals. Our school administrative team supports our goals by infusing green ideas into our classrooms, assisting with funding requests, developing professional development activities that promote green energy usage, and, most importantly, dedicating their own personal time to our efforts.

We believe that Watson B. Duncan Middle School is capable of becoming an example of what a green school should look like heading into the future. We believe that we can accomplish our goals through a comprehensive plan that includes all stakeholders of the community. We have dedicated our time and energy in order to ensure that we will have a better community for tomorrow. Our mission is to pass the importance of green programs onto our students and that they can enter a competitive global economy with life skills that are necessary for personal achievement and maintenance of a productive environment.