



The Green Scene

NEWSLETTER



ANNUAL GREEN SCHOOLS AWARDS CEREMONY



The [Green Schools Recognition Program](#) (GSRP), coordinated by FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center in partnership with Palm Beach and Martin County school districts, held its annual luncheon and awards ceremony on Thursday, May 25th, 2017. Hundreds attended the celebration, including teachers, principals, District representatives, government officials, community members, business leaders and green school advocates.

This year, the program recognized 110 public and private green schools, a record number! GSRP sets out to encourage schools by acknowledging their green efforts on all ends of the sustainability spectrum. Recognition goes to schools who are taking the beginning steps (Green Schools of Promise), taking active strides (Green Schools of Quality) and schools who show the highest level of commitment to sustainability (Green Schools of Excellence).

Judge's choice awards are also given out in addition to Green Teacher, Student and Principal of the Year Awards, presented to those who make exemplary green strides.

Congratulations to Freedom Shores' **Julie Beesley, Green Teacher of the Year**; Boca High's **Brandon Runner, Green Student of the Year** and Coral Reef's **Bobbi Moretto, Green Principal of the Year**. Congratulations to **Whispering Pines Elementary** for winning *Top Green School of Excellence 2nd Place!*

School District of Palm Beach County Judge's Choice Award Winners are:

- Audubon Society of the Everglades *Habitat Improvement Award*: **Palm Beach Central High**—\$500
- City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Office of Sustainability *Green My School Award*: **Roosevelt Middle**—\$500
- Florida Power and Light Energy *Conservation Award*: **Olympic Heights High**—\$500
- FUNraising Dollars *Green Fundraising Award*: **Coral Sunset Elementary**—\$150
- Mounts Botanical Garden *Best Vegetable Garden Award*: **Elbridge Gale Elementary**—\$500
- FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Ctr. *Curriculum Integration Award*: **Meadow Park Elementary**—\$250
- FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Ctr. *Student-Led Initiatives Award*: **Independence Middle**—\$250
- FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Ctr. *Most Improved Award*: **Forest Hill Elementary**—\$250
- Pratt & Whitney *Grant a Green School Wish Award*:
 - Crosspointe Elementary**—\$500
 - Frontier Elementary**—\$500
 - Lake Worth High**—\$500
- School Pool FL Department of Transportation *Sustainable Transportation Award*: **L.C. Swain Middle**—\$250
- Susan Toth *Outstanding Outdoor Environmental Education Award*: **Freedom Shores Elementary**—\$500
- Michelle Donahue *Best Green School Video Award*:
 - Elbridge Gale Elementary**—\$250
 - Watson B. Duncan Middle**—\$250

Congratulations to ALL of our District Green Schools!

[For a full list of SDPBC Green Schools please click HERE!](#)



GREEN SCHOOLS
RECOGNITION PROGRAM



DISTRICT PAPER RECYCLING CONTEST WINNERS

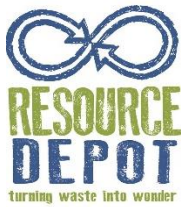


The District-wide paper recycling contest was held in March-April of this year and challenged schools to recycle as many paper products as possible. The Environmental & Conservation Services Department (ECS), along with our partner, Recycling Services of Florida, would like to recognize the contest winners:

- Top Elementary School Paper Recycler—**South Grade Elem., 1.98 tons**
- Top Middle School Paper Recycler—**Tradewinds Middle, 2.24 tons**
- Top High School Paper Recycler—**Wellington High, 3.15 tons**

ECS would like to recognize **John I Leonard High** as the *Top Overall Paper Recycler* for the 2016-2017 school year. John I Leonard recycled 10.77 tons of paper this year, which helped to save: 57 trees, 545 gallons of oil, 5,756 hours of electricity and 17,245 gallons of water. Each winning school will receive a cash bonus award. Thank you to all schools who participated, keep up the good work!

THE GREAT GREEN CLEAN-OUT



In an effort to reduce and reuse, 8 schools are participating in this year's "Great Green Clean Out" Pilot Project. Schools receive boxes, labels, and packing tape to facilitate easy collection of used items that might otherwise end up in the trash in the rush to clean out at the end of the year. Teachers will be able to swap items before boxes are donated to

Resource Depot where they will be weighed so schools can know just how much was diverted from landfill.

For more information about the Great Green Clean Out program, contact April Krebs at 561-882-0990 x101 or email akrebs@resourcedepot.net

SCHOOLS GREENING THEIR COMMUNITY



Boca High's Environmental Club
The Great American Cleanup



Highland Elementary
The Great American Cleanup



Royal Palm Beach Elementary
The Great American Cleanup



Forest Park Elementary
The Great American Cleanup

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SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Students & teachers at **Don Estridge High Tech Middle** volunteered to plant mangroves with Palm Beach County's ERM Department.



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Boca High students initiated an outdoor learning opportunity with the installation of an aquaponics system. A student team will trial a similar system in Peru this summer.



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WANT TO BE FEATURED?

Planning an environmental activity this summer for your school? Email photos: sustainability@palmbeachschools.org

Have a
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summer!