

Cobb County Green School Initiative

2012/13 Report



The Cobb County Green School Initiative is a cooperative effort between Cobb County Water System, Keep Cobb Beautiful, and the Cobb County Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Unit. The initiative was designed to recognize Cobb County schools who demonstrate a commitment to environmental education. To qualify as a Green School, a school must have at least 5 teachers receive Green Classroom designations, by completing 5 lesson plans or projects that help students learn about, protect, and beautify their environment.

16 schools received Gold status designation, with at least 15 green teachers:

A.L. Burruss Elementary, Belmont Hills Elementary, Big Shanty Intermediate, Blackwell Elementary, Davis Elementary, Due West Elementary, Fair Oaks Elementary, Ford Elementary, Hendricks Elementary, Keheley Elementary, Kennesaw Charter Science and Math Academy, Lewis Elementary, Mount Bethel Elementary, Pickett's Mill Elementary, Russell Elementary, and Still Elementary

7 schools received Silver status designation, with at least 10 green teachers:

Addison Elementary, Hightower Trail Middle, Mountain View Elementary, Nicholson Elementary, Nickajack Elementary, Tritt Elementary, and Vaughan Elementary

9 schools received Green status designation, with at least 5 green teachers:

Bullard Elementary, Daniell Middle, Hillgrove High, Kemp Elementary, Lassiter High, Lovinggood Middle, Murdock Elementary, Rocky Mount Elementary, and Sanders Elementary

In total, 32 schools received Green School designation for the 2012/13 school year. These designations represent the work of 474 teachers, with over 2500 hours of environmental education reaching more than 16,600 students.

Activities Completed



Dan U., Cobb County PRCA, on a fall hike with 3rd graders

Plants and Animals

Students worked in school gardens, built compost bins, raised butterflies, did seasonal scavenger hunts, made bird feeders, and went on nature walks at school, at Heritage Park, and at Cato Environmental Education Center. They also grew plants from seeds and monitored and graphed their growth throughout the year.

Recycling and Conservation

Students recycled paper and other items in their classrooms and at home, reused scrap paper, and practiced lessons on erasable whiteboards. Some students measured their recycling each week and graphed the amount of material they saved from a landfill. Other students started a “Last Out, Lights Off” campaign to remind their class to conserve energy. Schools also coordinated Walk-to-School days and Waste-Free Lunch days to educate students about the importance of conservation.



Amy Warnock, Cobb County Water System, at Rocky Mount ES

Outreach and Education

Some students educated fellow students with posters and presentations, as well as environmental updates on school morning news programs. Others monitored water quality in local streams, stenciled storm drains to help prevent pollution, and participated in river clean-ups, road clean-ups, tree plantings or Christmas tree recycling programs.



Kevin Hill, Cobb County PRCA, with Ford ES 3rd graders

Activities Completed

Reading and Writing

Students read a variety of books on the topics of recycling, nature, gardening, conservation, wildlife, Earth Day, and many others. They also wrote poems, journals, persuasive essays, and letters to elected officials about environmental issues. Some favorite books included *Michael Recycle*, *The Lorax*, *The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree*, *The Great Trash Bash*, and *The Giving Tree*.



Kevin Hill, Cobb County PRCA, with Ford ES 3rd graders

Art and Music

Some students created sculptures from recycled materials, decorated reusable grocery bags, made their own recycled paper, and participated in the Adventures with Allatoona Ally coloring book contest. Others built their own musical instruments with repurposed items, sang water cycle songs, rapped about recycling, and learned watershed and water quality concepts through music with the Brooke and Branch puppet show.



2013 Adventures with Allatoona Ally winning artists

These are only a few examples of the many exciting, creative lessons and programs taught by our 474 Green Teachers, as well as the staff of Cobb County Water System, Cobb County Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Unit, and Keep Cobb Beautiful.



Kaye Wilson, Cobb County PRCA, teaching Georgia habitats

2012/13 Green Teachers

(alphabetical by school)

A.L. Burrus (Gold)

Katie Gaudette *
Krystle Welch
Jaclyn Bell
Jennifer Kloet
Tracy Nerenbaum
Wendy Campagna
Melody Lady
Gene Howell
Tracey Patterson
Amber Smith
Teresa Green
Stephanie Shamblin
Lauri Bruton
Maureen Hutchinson
Connie Borkowski
Denise Grab
Natile Foster
Carla Wallace
Avis Franklin-Grant
Christina Updyke
Shannon Burch
Chris Galpin

Addison ES (Silver)

Juliet Havird
Jayne Hebert
Ursula Christie
Susan Becker
Beverly Casto
Jennifer Gerber
Allison Gillenwater
Elizabeth Keith
Linda Shoultz
Susan Blunk
Julie Knobbe *

Belmont Hills ES (Gold)

Melissa Weatherford
LaShaun Lee
Laura Johnson
Patrice Hill
Melody Ermentrout
Marissa Ray

Jamie Nicholson
Nerlie Alexandre
Donna Brooks
Judy Key
Heather Lyon *
Shannon Stratton
Melissa Gilbert
Tresa Snow
Rhonda Brady
James Groover
Susie Chenoweth
Leah Izenour
Anne Quagliana
Tina Launey
Danielle Engle
Taryn Reinagel
Madison Sherman

Big Shanty Intermediate (Gold)

Monica Burke
Alison Palen
Becky Gonzales
Erika Brown
Melissa Gerhardt
Leslie Smith
Keisha Gordon
Glenda Hutchinson
Betsey Kennedy
Beth Jones
Barbara Powell-Schager
Lisa Ashmeade
Mandy Janney
Amy Hester
Felicia Berenger
Jamee Douglas
Karen Taylor

Blackwell ES (Gold)

Diane Crozier
Mary Pope
Diane Rosenberg
Kelly Richardson
Melissa McKeehan
Laurie Wheeler *

Debra O'Dell
Laurie Bradford
Patsy Engleman
Shirley Crosby
Lisa King
Judy Hrabak
David Mitchell
Tricia Granger
Kelly Hess
Pamela Farina
Patti Griffith

Bullard ES (Green)

Richelle Elkins
Lynn Tomlin
Amanda Nevitt
Becky Hampton
Liz Kauffmann

Daniell MS (Green)

Frances Hebb
Jane Wilson
Jane Sanders
Suzanne Ehlers
Leslie Keith

Davis ES (Gold)

Edna Washington
Michele Lowe
Jennifer Bartlett
Joan Muzyka
Carrie Thompson
Jamie Dixon
Lara Quigg
Jamie Screptock
Benjamin Genrich
Karoline Horton
Nancy Parsons
Lisa Gay
Sarah Dwelle
Marsha Joyner
Mary Lockett
Mary Bowen
Kristen Powers
Megan Ulrich *

Dodgen MS

Jill Stittleburg
Lisa Burns
Donna Halverson
Mary Barkley *

Due West ES (Gold)

Susan Hammons Braddy
Jeanne Thome
Joanne Doss
Kirsten Perla
Mary Roberts
Kelly Hamilton
Ann Blocksidge
Maria Entsminger
Mary Schwartz
Martha Haley
Judy Davis
Jim Caswell
Kellie Slaughter
Erin Milton
Megan Paternostro
Sandra McInvale

Fair Oaks ES (Gold)

Kim Hansbrough
Alix Combs
John Roper
Nikki Wold
Michelle Carpenter
Sonya Kenner
Kristin Poncheri
Leigh Haddon
Katherine Stieber
Carol Rothrauff
Megan Francis
Lori Rogers
Kim Carren
Susan Sweat
Tiffany Hourigan
Kaitlyn Karcher
Abby Spann
Charlene Kratz
Kindra Brock
Elizabeth Dunlap
Sherry Trimble *

Ford ES (Gold)

Cherie Nix
Kay Applegate
Julie Barnett
Vicki Turner
Ashley Miller
Stephanie Beckett
Janice Goodall
Shirley Trammell
Tara Jones
Nicole Harrison
Mary Padgett *
Zach Mathis
Lauri Cook
Todd Plunkert
Claire Dunaway Cyr
Laura Hargrove
Jennifer Wiltshire
Libby Mitchell
Stephani Aldridge
Ann Fillingim
Craig Hurley
Cates Fudge
Linda McMath
Drena Varghese
Kellee Strickland
Barbara Warren
Colleen Cauffiel
Fran McMath
Bramlett Micklow
Julie Poe
Tina Smith
Laura Holmes
Barbara Birkbeck
Linda Huebener
Cynthia Edwards

Hendricks ES (Gold)

Jena Parish
Julia Bishop
Lisa Koch
Vicki Owens
Terese Carlin
Erin Tyre
Susan Dreher
Carmen Wilson *
Rachel Dutton
Holly Kirkpatrick

Lisa Portland
Jennifer Bowen
Greg Mosley
Renee Heiberger
Craig Dills
Brittney Meehan
Haley Holman
Angela Fry
Meg Cannington
AnnMarie Martin
Jessica Sellers
Beth Knight
Aundrea Johnson

Hightower Trail MS (Silver)

Kelly Seaman *
Alicia LaFontaine
Katie O’Ryan
Jill Wright
Sherry Harris
Melissa Wright
Penny Chasko
Caroline Sangster
Adam Wiese
Joel Blacher

Hillgrove HS (Green)

Connie Nelson *
Andy Steinhauer
Chief Harris
Karen Jeffrey
Diane Lunaberg

Keheley ES (Gold)

Laura Lindsey
Deborah Kramb
Cindy Gropp
Kristina Eckman
Brandy Mitchell
Kelly Webb
Harriet Denny
Melissa Orff
Lynn Boye
Othniel Campbell
Amy Kiernan
Katie Wilson
Frances Strickland
Allison Johnson

Denise Black
Kelley Williams
Stacey Fisher
Katie Biello
Kendall Keesling
Tina Yelken
Beth Midkiff
Caroline Gorman
Annette Simpson *
Stephanie Lawson

Kemp ES (Green)
Anna Dickinson
Marjorie Burchell
Melissa Moore
Mary Jo Groeneveld *
Ashley Dorsey

Kennesaw Charter (Gold)

Margie McMasters
Jason Page
Lori Borg
Cameron Smith
Laura Franz
Kelly Hoover
Kalynn Benson
Judy Allen
Kym Van Hout
Lizzy Yarbrough
Jerre Barnes
Mandy Estes
Tiffany Holsenbeck
Charley Walper
Michael Donnelly
Candace Moten
Tammy Davis
Kay Sims
Lucy Agresta
Beth Cronan
Lisa Moore
Judy Osborne *
Mrs. Bell

Lassiter HS (Green)
Jennifer Mercure *
Evelyne Burdette-Elgqvist
Debbie Poss

Michael Raburn
Dianne Adams
Kirstene Lohlein

Lewis ES (Gold)
Beth Maffei
Jennifer Nicklis
Monica Carlton
Ryann Henderson
Lisa Fries
Kari Reeve
Jessica King
Stailey Ross
Beverly McCall
Kathryn Linpinsel
Freida Hunter
Amy Pohl
Donna Murillo
Laurie Edwards
Donna Meyers
Laura Layde
Amber Little
Rebecca Roberts
Pam Huber
Debra Brock
Veronica Stubbs
Marylea Remkus *
Amanda Lovett

Lovinggood MS (Green)

Christine Hahn
Rachel Wise
Janice Scoville
Samantha Poklemba
Kathryn Kilkenny *

Mt. Bethel ES (Gold)

Melissa Danner
Marian Smith
Dianne Chapman
Mary Alice George
Maureen Mullins *
Penny Schreck
Meliina Henry
Jody Greenwald
Kim Kranzlein
Missy Bain
Cindi Cabral

Peggy Haag
Krissy Gray
Vanessa Owens
Stacy Fogel
Laura Ferguson
Michelle Boutwell
Sam Dietrich
James Morris
Lisa Higginbotham

Mtn. View ES (Silver)

Patricia Kanwisher *
Courtney Hollar
Heather Cooper
Cynthia Bergeron
Sherilyn Walworth
Elizabeth Hudson
Patty Abel
Melissa Edwards
Ashlee Green
Worth Cooper
Katherine Rodebaugh
Sarah Brown

Murdock ES (Green)

Vivian Levinge
Jackie Bold
Jamie Smith
Georgette Dobkin
Jennie Dang
Jennifer Libardi
Amy Forman *
Karen Lane

Nicholson ES (Silver)

Michele Myers
Theresa Haywood
Amanda Savage
Pam Otto
Susan Jackson
Katie Schulz-Ditchen
Heather Vance
Amy Jampol
Diana Bell
Jennifer Carusone
Judy Stephen *

Nickajack ES (Silver)

Amy Karp
Diane Kordel *
Molly Slayton
Karen Harrison
Julie Kohlbacher
Katie Schneider
April Cochran
Deryl Heflin
Margaret Jordan
Rebecca Johnston

Pickett's Mill ES (Gold)

Laura Purcell
Patricia Towne *
Kim Campbell
Lori Sproat
Mariann Dolnick
Jessica Miller
Amy Riggins
Cassie Llewallyn
Tracey Burt
Jennifer Rooke
Virginia Aiken
Elizabeth Miles
Carolyn Schumacher
Pamela Mitchell
Carol Largent
Cathy Ewers
Pam Thompson
Patricia Orton
Suzanne Hilliard
Amy Pace
Myrna Alley
Allison Gurski

Rocky Mount ES (Green)

Beth Levin
Kristy White *
Lindsay Stewart
Kris Teller
Teresa Myers
Melinda Chaney

Russell ES (Gold)

Kelly Bodner *
Courtney Osley
Sheila Breeden
Rita Redmon
Laura Reidinger
Michaela D'Aquanni
Lisa Rueter
Patricia Dufina
Tracey Steiner
Lynn Rossi
Bridget Purdy
Beverly Schmidt
Selina Hutto
Robin Madani
Marsha Sprague
Deborah Brown-Bell
Danielle Harper

Sanders ES (Green)

Tammie Brown
Cindy Wagner *
Erin Schularick
Joyce DeCarlo
Amy Abernathy

Still ES (Gold)

Lashelle Joiner
Nancy Hester
Maureen Sherrer
Kathleen Bender
Tricia Basile Jones
Lisa Darden
Stacey Strudthoff
Wanda Upchurch
Amanda Caden
Linda Honaker
Jennie Wilson
Jean Kosty
Derric Tucker
Donna Brunson
Claudia Gossett
Wanda Rademacher

Miatta Smith
Debbie Novac
Meridith Dunk
Debra Auzenne-Williams
Michele McCulloch
Lynn Duhn *

Tritt ES (Silver)

Amy Salo
Cindy Gentry
Christy Goss
Amy Benson
Tamera Neal *
Ilene Smith
Jennifer Herman
Kim Lamphere
Tiffany DeMeester
Lori Lide
Ann Bryan Womble
Lana Kleimon

Vaughan ES (Silver)

Christy Garvin
Carianne Good
Sarah Oldham
Deborah Clemson
Stacy Pitts *
Nancy David
Tamara Estes
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