

## **2011/2012 Cobb County Green School Initiative**

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. For the 2011/2012 school year, 32 schools achieved Green School designation. 8 of these schools were designated for the first time.

14 schools received **Gold Status** designation, meaning that at least 15 teachers participated and completed 5 environmental lessons. These schools were: A.L. Burrus, Big Shanty, Due West, Ford, Lewis, Mountain View, Mount Bethel, Nicholson, Pickett's Mill, Russell, Sanders, and Tritt Elementary Schools; Austell Intermediate; and Hightower Trail Middle School.

6 schools received **Silver Status** designation, meaning that at least 10 teachers participated and attained the Green Classroom designation. These schools were: Belmont Hills, Davis, Fair Oaks, Nickajack, and Still Elementary Schools, and Kennesaw Charter Academy.

Other **Green School** recipients for 2011/2012, with at least 5 Green Classrooms each, were: Addison, Harmony Leland, Keheley, Kincaid, Mableton, Murdock, Park Street, and Rocky Mount Elementary Schools; Sprayberry Academy; Dodgen and Lovinggood Middle Schools; and Lassiter High School.

The 2011/2012 Green Schools represent the work of 449 teachers, consisting of more than 3,710 hours of environmental education reaching more than 13,500 students.

### **Easy Being Green Activities Completed**

#### **Recycling and Resource Conservation**

Many students participated in classroom recycling projects and created slogans to advertize the program to other students. Students also produced recycled art projects, using discarded household items to create everything from animal sculptures to a chandelier. Some created their own paper by recycling used paper. Many students participated in school cleanups, both indoor and outdoor. Some students completed personal water use audits to learn how to use water wisely, while others participated in a waste-free lunch day to eliminate disposable packaging from their lunches. Students also participated in the waterSmart waterArt calendar contest, wrote and performed reduce-

reuse-recycle raps, and adopted a Last Out, Lights Off campaign to reduce energy use at school.

### **Eco-Reading and Writing**

Students read various conservation and nature themed stories and books including The Lorax, The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree, The Great Trash Bash, The Earth and I, and Magic School Bus: Waterworks, among others. They discussed how these stories made them feel about their environment, what they learned from the stories, and how they could apply what they learned to their daily lives. Some students wrote editorials for their school paper on various environmental issues. Others prepared statements for mock environmental summits, representing the views of different sides.

### **Public Outreach / Education**

Students created "Earth Care" posters on recycled paper and performed a Reader's Theater to help educate other students in their school about how to protect the environment and conserve resources. Some students encouraged friends and family to reuse by collecting gently used items such as beds and collars to donate to homeless pets. One group designed a holiday card based on the work of John James Audubon to help raise money for tree plantings in Cobb County. Advanced Spanish language students wrote letters in Spanish to elected officials and filmed Spanish language public service announcements regarding environmental problems and solutions in Georgia.

### **Nature, Plants, and Animals**

Many students participated in nature walks, during which they observed habitats and adaptations of plants and animals, and classified items collected during a nature scavenger hunt. Other students observed and discussed animal habitats, then designed their own wildlife refuges to provide homes for native plants and animals.

Many students also helped with school gardens. Activities ranged from planting trees, flowers, and vegetables, caring for plants and monitoring their growth, to designing a garden or renovating an existing garden, including learning to read rain gauges and water meters in order to monitor water use.

## 2011/2012 Green School Teacher List

| <i>Italics indicates Green School Coordinator</i> |                           |                                   |
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| <b>Addison Elementary - Green</b>                 | <b>A.L. Burrus — Gold</b> | <b>Austell Intermediate –Gold</b> |
| Jayne Hebert                                      | Avis Franklin-Grant       | Angela Fry                        |
| Julie Knobbe                                      | Chris Galpin              | Annie Coleman                     |
| Shelby Nelson                                     | Denise Grab               | Anmarie Martin                    |
| Susan Blunk                                       | Gene Howell               | Aundrea Johnson                   |
| Tricia Leith                                      | Jaclyn Bell               | Beth Knight                       |
|   | Jennifer Kanzler          | Brittney Meehan                   |
|   | Jennifer Kloet            | <i>Carmen Wilson</i>              |
|   | <i>Katie Gaudette</i>     | Craig Dills                       |
|   | Krystle Welch             | Cynthia Coker                     |
|   | Lauri Bruton              | Erica Rabsatt                     |
|   | Maureen Hutchinson        | Erin Steen                        |
|   | Melody Lady               | Erin Tyre                         |
|   | Michael Holst             | Greg Mosley                       |
|   | Shannon Burch             | Haley Holman                      |
|   | T. Swift                  | J. Bishop                         |
|   | Teresa Green              | Jena Parish                       |
|   | Tracy Nerenbaum           | Jonna McGaughy                    |
|   | Wendy Campagna            | Kristal McCreight                 |
|   |                           | Leila Barber                      |
|   |                           | Lisa Portland                     |
|   |                           | Mariko Whiteside                  |
|   |                           | Meg Cannington                    |
|   |                           | Megan Bauser                      |
|   |                           | Natosha Holley                    |
|   |                           | Rachel Dutton                     |
|   |                           | Renee Heiberger                   |
|   |                           | Rikki Stewart                     |
|   |                           | Samantha Ellison                  |
|   |                           | Shannon Williams                  |
|   |                           | Sheila Elkins                     |
|   |                           | Susan Dreher                      |
|   |                           | Terese Carlin                     |
|   |                           | Valetta Oswalt                    |
|   |                           | Vicki Owens                       |

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| <p><b>Belmont Hills Elementary – Silver</b></p> <p>Amanda Keller<br/> Donna Brooks<br/> <i>Heather Lyon</i><br/> Kristine Roscoe<br/> Marissa Ray<br/> Melissa Weatherford<br/> Molly Mattson<br/> Patrice Hill<br/> Rachel Robinette<br/> Rhonda Brady<br/> Teresa Snow<br/> Theresa Levy<br/> Tina Launey</p> | <p><b>Big Shanty Elementary –Gold</b></p> <p>Amy Hester<br/> Ashley Landstedt<br/> Becky Gonzales<br/> Beth Jones<br/> Elizabeth Kennedy<br/> Erika Brown<br/> Jamee Douglas<br/> Karen Taylor<br/> Karen Wright<br/> Leslie Smith<br/> Lisa Ashmeade<br/> <i>Lisa Green</i><br/> Lisa Schmid<br/> Marlene Crane<br/> Melissa Gerhardt<br/> Monica Burke<br/> Patricia Peacock</p> | <p><b>Daniel Middle</b></p> <p>Frances Hebb<br/> Judi Johnson<br/> Leslie Keith<br/> Rebecca Tidwell</p>   |
| <p><b>Davis Elementary –Silver</b></p> <p>Ben Genrich<br/> Edna Washington<br/> Jamie Screptock<br/> Jeanne Auensen<br/> Jennifer Bartlett<br/> Kristen Powers<br/> Lara Quigg<br/> Lisa Gay<br/> Marsha Joyner<br/> Megan Cannon<br/> <i>Megan Ulrich</i><br/> Melissa Hensley<br/> Michele Lowe</p>           | <p><b>Devereux School</b></p> <p><i>Suzanne Ferrone</i></p>  | <p><b>Dodgen Middle – Green</b></p> <p>Betsy Sanford<br/> Debbie Amodeo<br/> Deborah Tubbs<br/> Donna Halverson<br/> Jill Stittleburg<br/> <i>Mary Barkley</i></p> |

| Due West Elementary – Gold  | Fair Oaks Elementary –Silver  | Ford Elementary – Gold   |
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| <p>Donna Chumley<br/> Elizabeth Kauffmann<br/> Erin Milton<br/> Holly Holston<br/> James Caswell<br/> Jeanne Thome<br/> Joanne Doss<br/> Judy C. Davis<br/> Kellie Slaughter<br/> Kirsten Perla<br/> <i>Lisa Slauson</i><br/> Lynn Blocksidge<br/> Maria Entsminger<br/> Martha Haley<br/> Mary Schwartz<br/> Megan Paternostro<br/> Sandra McInvale<br/> Susan Hammons</p> | <p>Abby Spann<br/> Alix Combs<br/> Amanda Luper<br/> Christina Burleson<br/> Elizabeth Dunlap<br/> Jessica Bell<br/> Kim Carren<br/> Kindra Brock<br/> Lori Rogers<br/> <i>Sherry Trimble</i><br/> Tiffany Hourigan</p> | <p>Ann Fillingim<br/> Ashley Miller<br/> Barbara Birkbeck<br/> Barbara Warren<br/> Bramlett Micklow<br/> Brandye Keasler<br/> Cates Fudge Byrd<br/> Cherie Nix<br/> Colleen Cauffiel<br/> Courtney Kelly<br/> Cynthia Edwards<br/> Denise Keasler<br/> Drena Varghese<br/> Fran McMath<br/> Janice Goodall<br/> Jennifer Wiltshire<br/> Julie Barnett<br/> Julie Poe<br/> <i>Kellee Strickland</i><br/> Laura Holmes<br/> Lauri Cook<br/> Libby Mitchell<br/> Linda Huebener<br/> Linda McMath<br/> Patti Jones<br/> Stephani Aldridge<br/> Stephanie Beckett<br/> Tara Jones<br/> Tina Smith<br/> Todd Plunkert<br/> Vicki Turner</p> |

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| <p><b>Harmony Leland – Green</b><br/> <i>Elizabeth Byrum</i><br/> Lakeita Salley<br/> Linda Adams<br/> Shunta Williams<br/> Vivian Conwell</p>   | <p><b>Hightower Trail Middle –Gold</b><br/> Adam Wiese<br/> Alan Huskey<br/> Alicia LaFontaine<br/> Amy West<br/> Caroline Sangster<br/> Catherine Chaviano<br/> Inga Schorn<br/> Janet Grooms<br/> Jennifer Hampton<br/> Joel Blacher<br/> Katie C. O’Ryan<br/> <i>Kelly M. Seaman</i><br/> Melissa Rea<br/> Sherry Harris<br/> Susan Goldstein<br/> Teresa Mullaney</p> | <p><b>Keheley Elementary – Green</b><br/> <i>Amy Keirnan</i><br/> Annette Simpson<br/> Beth Midkiff<br/> Brandy Mitchell<br/> Jenny Murphy<br/> Katie Biello<br/> Stephanie Lawson</p> |
| <p><b>Kennesaw Charter – Silver</b><br/> Cameron Smith<br/> Candace Moten<br/> Dora Hill<br/> Heather Ayers<br/> Judy Allen<br/> <i>Judy Osborne</i><br/> Kay Sims<br/> Kym Van Hout<br/> Lisa Moore<br/> Lucy Agresta<br/> Mandy Estes<br/> Margie McMasters<br/> Michael Donnelly<br/> Tammy Davis</p> | <p><b>Kennesaw Elementary</b><br/> Heather Charest<br/> Kacee Schoening<br/> Patty Ucciferri</p>  | <p><b>Kincaid Elementary – Green</b><br/> Beth Glass<br/> Beth Molley<br/> Debra Haskin<br/> Gaye Lantis<br/> Martha Hudson<br/> Sarah Munroe</p>                                      |

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| <p><b>Lassiter High – Green</b><br/> Alison Schewe<br/> Arlene Veloce<br/> <i>Evelyne Burdette-Elgqvist</i><br/> M. Dayle Koester<br/> Michael Raburn</p>  | <p><b>Lewis Elementary – Gold</b><br/> Amanda Lovett<br/> Amber Little<br/> Beth Maffei<br/> Debra Brock<br/> Jeanne Jumper<br/> Karen Osterhoudt<br/> Kari Reeve<br/> Kathryn Linpinsel<br/> Laura Layde<br/> LaurieEdwards<br/> Lisa Fries<br/> <i>Marylea Remkus</i><br/> Megan Long<br/> Monica Carlton<br/> Pam Huber<br/> Ryann Henderson<br/> Sarah Folsom<br/> Stailey Ross<br/> Veronica Stubbs</p> | <p><b>Lovinggood Middle – Green</b><br/> Christian Cali<br/> Christine Hahn<br/> Danica Denton<br/> J. Scoville<br/> <i>Kathryn Kilkenny</i><br/> Rachel Wise</p>   |
| <p><b>Mableton Elementary – Green</b><br/> Amanda Sullivan<br/> Bethany McClure<br/> Jenna Doggett<br/> Shelby White<br/> Susan Kendall<br/> Tina Voss</p> | <p><b>Marietta 6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b><br/> Katie Spier<br/> Teresa Hutto</p>   | <p><b>Mountain View Elementary – Gold</b><br/> Alan Aumann<br/> Anita Ducey<br/> Ashlee Kobar<br/> Barbara Hudson<br/> Cathy Hallberg<br/> Courtney Cook<br/> Courtney Hollar<br/> <i>Jacque Stone</i><br/> Jami O'Connor<br/> Jill Fiala<br/> Katherine Roling<br/> Kristin Shildneck<br/> Lauren Cox<br/> Lynn Gilormo<br/> Maggie Paon<br/> Mary Farah<br/> Meghann Sheffield<br/> Patricia Abel<br/> Patricia Kanwisher<br/> Rene Hite<br/> Sarah Brown<br/> Sherilyn Walworth<br/> Whitney Spooner</p> |

| <b>Mount Bethel Elementary - Gold</b>  | <b>Murdock Elementary – Green</b>  | <b>Nicholson Elementary –Gold</b>   |
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| <p>Beth Milne<br/> Carolyn Griffin<br/> Cheryl Malone<br/> Dianne Chapman<br/> Heather Mullins<br/> India Bennett<br/> James Morris<br/> Jessica Kerzie<br/> Jody Greenwald<br/> Jody Greenwald<br/> Kiersten Hoeflinger<br/> Kim Kranzlein<br/> Krissy Gray<br/> Kristine Barkley<br/> Laura Ferguson<br/> Lindsay Adams<br/> Lindsay Capobianco<br/> Lisa Bredickas<br/> Lisa Higginbotham<br/> MadgeMarie Marks<br/> Margaret Haag<br/> Mary Alice George<br/> <i>Maureen Mullins</i><br/> Melina Birdsong<br/> Melissa Dannaer<br/> Michelle Boutwell<br/> Missy Bain<br/> Morgan Satterthwait<br/> Nancy Mawson<br/> Penny Schreck<br/> Samuel Dietrich<br/> Stacye Fogel<br/> Toni Hillegas<br/> V. Roxanne Owens<br/> Wendy Greenwald</p> | <p><i>Amy Forman</i><br/> David Brown<br/> Georgette Dobkin<br/> Hillary Hutto<br/> Karen Lane<br/> Karen Shaw<br/> Vivian Levinge</p> | <p>Amanda Savage<br/> Beverly Brown<br/> <i>Cheryl Ashley-Serafine</i><br/> Cindy Rowland<br/> Diana Bell<br/> Jennifer Carusone<br/> Jo Ann Montgomery<br/> Judy Stephen<br/> Katie Schulz-Ditchen<br/> Kim Hughes<br/> Michele Myers<br/> Michelle Burke<br/> Pamela Otto<br/> Stacey Anderson<br/> Sylvia Robeson<br/> Theresa Haywood</p> |

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| <p><b>Nickajack Elementary –Silver</b></p> <p>Amy Karp<br/> April Cochran<br/> Deryl Heflin<br/> <i>Diane Kordel</i><br/> Jessica Bassett<br/> Jessica Nicula<br/> Julie Kohlbacher<br/> Karen Harrison<br/> Maria McDonald<br/> Molly Slayton</p> | <p><b>Park St. Elementary – Green</b></p> <p>Ana Mead<br/> Audrey Bennett<br/> <i>Betty Blessing</i><br/> Brian D. Katz<br/> Kathryn Staphylaris<br/> Rachel Morrissey<br/> Wanda Boatwright</p>  | <p><b>Pickett’s Mill Elementary –Gold</b></p> <p>Amy Pace<br/> Cara McArthur<br/> Carol Largent<br/> Cathy Ewers<br/> Janet McCourt<br/> Kathryn Keller<br/> Kim Campbell<br/> <i>Laura Purcell</i><br/> Lori Sproat<br/> Mandy Cone<br/> Myrna Alley<br/> Nancy Childers<br/> Pam Thompson<br/> Pamela Mitchell<br/> <i>Patti Towne</i><br/> Sally Vonier<br/> Suzanne Hilliard<br/> Tricia Orton</p>   |
| <p><b>Rocky Mount Elementary – Green</b></p> <p>Beth Levin<br/> Brooke Campbell<br/> Dianne Bridges<br/> <i>Kristy White</i><br/> Teresa Myers</p>   | <p><b>Russell Elementary –Gold</b></p> <p>Ann Cobb<br/> Bridget Purdy<br/> Cheryl Chesterfield<br/> Danielle Withers<br/> Dawn Allison Ruiz<br/> Deborah Brown-Bell<br/> Emily Osborne<br/> Gabrielle Miller<br/> Jeanette Norwood<br/> Josh Freedman<br/> <i>Kelly Bodner</i><br/> Lisa Rueter<br/> Marsha Sprague<br/> Michaela D'Aquanni<br/> Rita Redmon<br/> Stephanie Delaine-Green<br/> Tracey Steiner</p> | <p><b>Sanders Elementary –Gold</b></p> <p>Abbey Long<br/> Allison Monroe<br/> Amber Oshunkeye<br/> Amy Abernathy<br/> Ashley Flanagan<br/> Candice Dyer<br/> <i>Cindy Wagner</i><br/> Deb Billotte<br/> Erin Schularick<br/> Heather Curry<br/> Jill Thurman<br/> Joyce T. DeCarlo<br/> Julie Chow<br/> Meghan Smith<br/> Melanie Hilliard<br/> Nicole Morgan<br/> Sandy Jordan-Kandel EdD<br/> Shannon Jones<br/> Tammie Brown<br/> Tanya Fields<br/> Teri Greer<br/> Theresa Johnson</p> |

| <b>Sprayberry Academy – Green</b>   | <b>Still Elementary –Silver</b>  | <b>Tritt Elementary – Gold</b>  |
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| Alyssa White<br>Angela Huges<br>Jonna Clark<br>Renee Cohen<br>Samantha Mann | Amanda Caden<br><i>Claudia Gossett</i><br>Jennie Wilson<br>Julie Wacker<br>Kathleen Bender<br>Lashelle Joiner<br>Linda Honaker<br>Lisa Darden<br>Lonnie Pietro<br>Lynn Duhn<br>Nancy Hester<br>Regina Kosty<br>Stacey Strudthoff<br>Wanda Rademacher | Amy Crandall<br>Amy Salo<br>Angela Wilson<br>Ann Bryan Womble<br>Christy Goss<br>Cindy Gentry<br>Debbie Martin<br>Ilene Smith<br>Isabel Hamiter<br>Jennifer Herman<br>Kim Lamphere<br>Kimberly Bower<br>Melody Swierski<br>Michelle East<br>Sarah Gardner<br><i>Tamera Neal</i> |