

2009/2010 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. It was designed to recognize Cobb County Schools for a commitment to environmental education. Schools could qualify as *Green* by having at least 5 teachers complete 5 environmentally beneficial lesson plans.

Twenty-two Cobb County Schools received Green School Designation for the 2009/2010 school year. Austell Intermediate, Big Shanty, Due West, Fair Oaks, Ford, Kincaid, Lewis, Mount Bethel, Park Street, Pickett's Mill, and Russell Elementary Schools received Gold Status Designation; meaning more than 15 teachers completed 5 environmentally friendly lesson plans. A.L. Burrus, Dowell, Keheley, Mountain View, Sanders, and Tritt Elementary Schools received Green School Silver Status Designation, with more than 10 teachers attaining Green Classroom Designations. The other Green School recipients were: Eastvalley, Kennesaw, Nicholson, and Nickajack Elementary Schools and Campbell Middle School. The 2009/2010 Green Schools represent the work of 354 teachers, over 2,000 hours of environmental education reaching more than 10,000 students.

The 2009/2010 year of the Green School Initiative represents more than 200 staff hours by the Green School Coordinators. This investment is consistent with the Cobb County's participation as Partners at Large with Cobb County Schools.

Easy Being Green Activities Completed

Pollution – Students participated in school-wide clean ups that beautified their grounds and neighborhoods. Several schools with near-by streams participated in the River Kids Unit and adopted their stream and monitored it for pollution and to ensure its overall health. In teams, students conducted several different assessments to determine the health of the water in Rube's creek. Students conducted tests of PH, turbidity, DO, phosphate, to look for macro invertebrates, and a general survey of the creek area.

Recycling– Several of the Green Schools Participated in classroom and school-wide recycling activities. These activities ranged from reusing materials in art projects such as the recycled scarecrow project, and creating cityscapes from commonly discarded items. Some school participated in tennis shoe, news paper, bottles, and can recycling projects. Paper recycling and reduction was the rule of the day for Cobb County Green Classrooms.

Plants- Students learned about the plant cycle through creative indoor lessons and real life demonstrations with school and classroom gardens. Students practiced organic gardening and saw the benefits of composting in their school gardens. These experiences gave students a chance to take their classroom lessons hands on in their own garden.

Nature Walks – Students investigated their own environment around their schools. They learned how to identify habitats, plant type and developed methods and steps for preserving the habitats around their school.

Environmental Writing – Students researched environmental movements and projects and wrote essays about efforts and obstacles to Going Green. Topics included: recycling, energy conservation, carbon footprint reduction, and water conservation.

Water Cycle – They learned about the ongoing need to conserve this resource since the water cycle never ends and the only usable water we have is already here. They learned songs and reinforced their knowledge by taking “The Incredible Journey” through the water cycle.

Climate Change– In a large group setting, a class discussion was started to review the Greenhouse Effect and Climate Change. Students also brainstormed some ways we can help our environment and slow climate change. After a PowerPoint tutorial, students began creating their own PowerPoint slide presentations. They were required to explain what the Greenhouse Effect and Climate Change are. In addition, students were asked to name at least four things they can do to help slow climate change.

Earth Day – Students participated in fairs and festivals that revolved around natural resource stewardship. They made posters and created presentation to teach other students how to take care of the earth.

Resource Protection – Students learned about saving energy through school and classroom lights out activities. They monitored their home energy consumption through meter reading and measured savings after implementation of conservation measures. They learned about shortages and scarcity through creative history lessons.



Park Street Elementary Celebrating their Green School Designation



Russell Elementary School Students at Heritage Park

Green Teachers

The 354 Cobb County Green teachers come from 24 schools and exemplify Cobb County Schools' commitment to environmental education.

2009/2010 Green Teachers

Austell Intermediate

Susan Neyland

Tamra DeVane

Renee Heiberger

Shayna Wolfson

Dana Wertheim

Carmen Wilson

Rachel Bier

Jennifer Robinson

Sherry Nanoff

Craig Dills

Elizabeth Jefferson

Jen Parish

Samantha Ellison

Aundrea Johnson

Meg Cannington
Jessica sellers
Erin Steen
Terese Carlin

Big Shanty

Mevelyn Durden
Deborah Lally
Lisa Green
Lisa Ashmeade
Leanna Vaughan
Tracy Raymond
Felicia Berenger
Jamee Douglas
Glenda Milton
Leslie Phillips
Amy Hester
Betsey Kennedy
William McAllister
Becky Gonzales
Erika Brown
Karen Wright
Karen Taylor
Robert Desin
Jane Collins
Ali Palen
Jahnie Economou

A.L. Burrus

Jennifer Kanzler
Tracey Nerenbaum
Lauri Bruton
Maureen Hutchinson
Shannon Whitted
Katie Gaudette
Wendy Campagna
Gene Howell
Carla Brooks
Kristy Schmoyer

Campbell

Rita Cerafoss
Allsion Davis
Eric Hazelip
Victoria Jenkins
Marcia Powell

Dowell

Gail Jacobs
Susan Huggins
Allie Swinford
Nicole Harrison
Karen Parker
Kate Millington
Ruth Pfiefer
Amy Long
Kristi Crimm
Debbie O'Keefe
Ruby Lynn Sullivan
Julie Pszczola
Angela Adams

Due West Elementary –

Lisa Slauson
Mandy Pearce
James Caswell
Jeanne Thome
Judy davis
Lisa Petty
Maria Entsminger
Kellie Slaughter
Michelle Leuffgen
Susan Hammons
Mary Roberts
Martha Haley
Joanne Doss
Erin Milton
Donna Chumley
Megan Paternostro
Stacey Harvey
Linda Petrea

Eastside Elementary

Lyssa Sahdevan
Joy Lee
Meghan Bradshaw

East Valley Elementary –

Lindy Moot
Kathryn Liddicoet
Oleksandra Yefremova

Terry Henderson
Judy Osburn

Fair Oaks

Katherine Stieber
Tiffany Gordon
Kim Carren
Constance dean
Sherry Trimble
Dru Maxwell
Leigh Haddon
Virginia McNabb
Nicole Wold
Lori Rogers
Lydia Barclay
Kristin Derr
Laura Benoit
Maura Snow
Elizabeth Dunlap
Jenny Dunn
Shanda Naylor
Charlene Kratz
Jacqueline Kapstein
Michelle Robel
Kim Hansbrough
Abby Spann

Ford Elementary

Laura Holmes
Nikki Belmont
Amy Soto
Kay Applegate
Lauri Cook
Kathy Mathis
Cheri Nix
Peggy Robertson
Barbara Warren
Hope Burgamy
Denise Keasler
Fran McMath
Patti Jones
Stephanie Beckett
Cynthia Edwards
Cates Fudge
Cynthia Wadsworth
Julie Poe

Teresa Smith
Linda Huebner
Joi Cox
Vicki Turner
Laura Hargroe
Carla Yancey
Joan Slocki
Juliana Barnett
Barbara Birkbeck
Zachary Mathis
Ann Fillingam
Brandy Keasler
Drena Varghese
Jennifer Wiltshire
Polly Baron
Ashley Miller
Todd Plunkert
Janice Goodall
Libby Mitchell
Kellee Strickland
Bamlett Micklow

Foundations Future

Amy Kestenbaum

Keheley Elementary

Kristina Eckman
Melanie Henson
Laura Lindsey
Stephanie Lawson
Annette Simpson
Diane Gillen
Cynthia Gropp
Brandy Mitchell
Lois Collier
Debbie Ryscamp

Kennesaw Elementary

Patty Dianto-Ucciferri
Melissa Sneed
Judy Hobbs
April Simon
Heather Charest
Hollie Folsom

Kincaid Elementary

Elizabeth Glass
Patsy Rausch
Debra Horton
Diane Reid
Adam Glass
Sarah Munroe
Debra Haskin
Gaye Lantis
Martha Hudson
Beth Molley
Dina Mancini
Hayley Rosenthal
Rebecca McNutt
Megan Ulrich
Cathy Pennell

Lewis Elementary

Laurie Edwards
Pam Huber
Veronica Stubbs
Karen Osterhoudt
Shelia Hicks
Beth Maffei
Amanda Lovett
Marylea Remkus
Donna Meyers
Laurie Southey
Brooke Turner
Ryann Henderson
Debra Brock
Lori Larson
Laura Layde
Jennifer Rogers
Beth Rogers
Pennie Lemley
Jennifer Nicklis

Mountain View Elementary

Eric Simpson
Whitney Spooner
Deanna Beaver
Ashlee Kobar
Meghan Sheffield
Lynn Gilmore

Cindy Bergeron
Leah Walsh
Jill Fiala
Jami O'Connor
Maggie Paon
Jacquelyn Stone

Mount Bethel Elementary

Krissy Peterman
Michelle Boutwell
Laura Ferguson
Maureen Mullins
Jodi Johnson
Janet Jones
Lisa Higginbotham
Melissa danner
Kathy Scheer
James Morris
Vicki Morgan
Valerie Levitt
Jessica Kerzie
Melina Birdsong
Charlotte Stark
Stacy Fogel
MadgeMarie Marks
Beth Milne
Toni Hillegas
Shannon Sides
Jessica Snow
Lindsay Adams
Cheryl Malone
Kristine Barkley
Jody Greenwald
India Roberts
Nancy Mawson
Penny Schreck
Marian Smith
Roxanne Owens
Peggy Haag
Mary Alice George
Connie Perry
Kim Osburn
Carolyn Griffin
Morgan Satterwait
Maribeth Smith
Tiffany Paupeck

Tracy Sikes

Nicholson Elementary

Judy Stephen

Cheryl Ashley-Serafine

Michele Myers

Diana Bell

Alexis Davenport

Amanda Savage

Pam Otto

Bekki Shuman

Nickajack Elementary

Diane Kordel

Holly Bonvissuto

Karen Harrison

Jessica Nicula

Katie Tilt

Deryl Heflin

Park Street Elementary-

Soosan Faulk

Leha Long

Betty Blessing

Kathryn Staphylaris

Sharon Worley

Shawn Underwood

Rebekah Toles

Reginald Tahet

Wanda Boatright

Carla Murphy

Erin Vining

Brian Katz

Audrey Bennett

Nancy Walker

Ana Villalon

Frances Bogle

Romar Blackman

Katie Fitzgerald

Rachel Morrissey

Corey Lawson

Celia White

Audrey Benson

Pickett's Mill Elementary

Kathy Horner

David Brown
Cathy Ewers
Amanda Cone
Lisa Brown
Pamela Mitchell
Lori Loconte
Carol Largent
Suzanne Hilliard
Mariann Dolnick
Angela Hicks
Kristina Cloud/Tracey Burt
Patricia Towne
Cara McArthur
Laura Purcell
Amy Pace
Lori Sproat
Heather Henson
Laura Bratschi
Kim Campbell
Brenda Stovall
Blenda Smith
Myrna Alley

Russell Elementary

Donna Smith
Kelly Bodner
Bridget Purdy
Dennis Thompson
Marsha Leonard
Ann Cobb
Lisa Rueter
Rita Redmon
Stephanie Delaine-Green
Jane Sadeckas
Marilyn Thomas
Cheryl Chesterfield
Danielle Withers
Tanya Singleton
Dawn Allison-Ruiz

Sanders Elementary

Sarah Bethany Bice
Shannon Jones
Jill Thurman
Candice Dyer
Erin Schularick

Joyce DeCarlo
Cindy Wagner
Deb Billotte
Allison Tate
Marguerite Cagle

Tritt Elementary

Amy Salo
Christy Goss
Kimmie Bower
Cynthia Gentry
Tiffany Demeester
Tamera Neal
Amy Benson
Carolyn Hughes
Ann Bryan Womble
Angela Wilson
Ilene Smith
Joni Adams
Melody Swierski
Christine Kenny Hay