



Palm Beach County, Florida

GREEN SCHOOLS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

September 2008 Workshop

Welcome to a great
opportunity for greening
your school, your students,
and your community, AND
being recognized for your
efforts!

What is the Green Schools Recognition Program?

An Initiative of the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center/College of Education/FAU in collaboration with the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties and the Palm Beach County School District.

The initiative aims to encourage schools by recognizing their efforts toward “going green”.

<http://www.ourgreenschools.com/>

Who is eligible?

- All public and private K-12 Palm Beach County Schools.
- Recognition will be given to Green Schools of Promise; Green Schools of Quality; and Green Schools of Excellence.
- These recognition levels illustrate that “going green” is a journey; and that schools should be acknowledged for their efforts along the way.

What are the Green School Criteria? A Rubric for Going Green

- School Grounds Enhancement
- School Sustainability
- Curriculum Integration
- Community Involvement
- Administrative Support
- Innovation

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- Green School of Promise = 40-59 points
- Green School of Quality = 60-79 points
- Green School of Excellence = 80-100 points

What are the rewards of being recognized as a Green School?

- The “Top” Green Schools will receive cash awards.
- Twenty-five schools will be invited to a special recognition luncheon at the Community Foundation.
- All participating schools may be eligible to apply for Green School mini-grants in 2009-2010.
- Schools will receive recognition on the Palm Beach County Green Schools website and in local media.
- Schools will receive Green School certificates and logos for their own website, letterhead, etc.

<http://www.ourgreenschools.com/incentives>

How do we apply?

- To be eligible for Green School Recognition, your school **must demonstrate** how it has addressed at least **one** indicator from **each** category. A narrative summary and supplemental documentation is required for each indicator accomplished.
- Applications must be received by February 27, 2009.

<http://www.ourgreenschools.com/apply>

Important Dates & Deadlines

- February 27, 2009: Applications are due.
- April 6, 2009: Announcements for recognition will be sent to schools.
- April 21, 2009: Awards Ceremony at the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

Questions?

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