



# CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The Budding Botanist Grant, presented by [Klorane Botanical Foundation](#) and KidsGardening, is designed to support programs that teach respect for the environment and protect nature through the preservation of plant species and biodiversity.

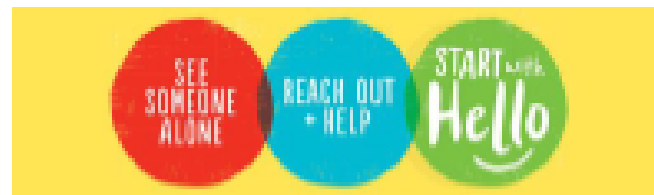
In 2023, [Coconut Creek Elementary](#) will be awarded a check for \$1,000 to support the development of youth gardens that help students learn about plants, explore their world, and inspire them to take care of their local ecosystems.

The school garden at Coconut Creek Elementary School will teach students about pollination. Students will begin to understand the parts of a plant, the reproduction process, and how [that ties](#) into food-crop production. They will learn how bees, butterflies, birds, moths, bats, and other insects pollinate the plants in the local ecosystem. Students will also study biomes around the world to learn about the importance of biodiversity and life on our earth.

CCES Faculty, Staff, and Administration would like to thank Ms. Walsh for spearheading this wonderful program with her students and CCES.



Coconut Creek Elementary is a "Start With Hello" school. Start With Hello is a program created through the Sandy Hook Promise to help students, teachers, parents, and community leaders feel more connected. It is based on three simple steps.



Join us for our First Annual

# *Start With Hello Day*

**Who:** Students and Staff

**When:** Thursday, December 15, 2022

**What:**

1. Wear a kindness shirt, a shirt with a positive message, a shirt with hearts on it or a green shirt.
2. Students and staff will be wearing a nametag all day. They will be encouraged to say hello to people that they encounter throughout the day.

**Where:** Coconut Creek Elementary

**Why:** The goal is to help reduce social isolation, increase connectivity and to focus on empathy and unity.

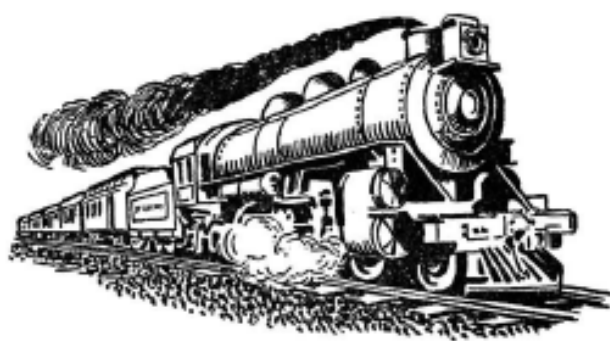


# Get Ready for Grinch Day!

On December 16, 2022 our class  
will be having lots of grinchy fun! We will  
enjoy math & literacy activities all  
centered around The Grinch.

Your child is welcome to dress up for this  
fun day. Ideas include: wearing green,  
trying out some Who inspired hairdos,  
or wearing antlers like the Grinch's dog  
Max to name a few. Have fun!

# All Aboard the Polar Express



Dear CCES Families,

On **Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will be having our Polar Express Day! Your child will be participating in many fun and engaging activities and enjoying the Polar Express movie.

We will be watching the video, reading the book, and having a great time! To make this day even more fun and to build our connections to the story, your child will be able to wear school appropriate pajamas to school! Due to safety concerns, please send your child to school in regular shoes. No slippers are allowed to be worn.

We are very excited about this day! Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

We wish you all a safe and wonderful winter break!