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Beachside Montessori Village
2230 Lincoln Street
Hollywood, FL 33020

Dear Teachers, Staff, and Families:

Exciting news! Beachside Montessori Village has just received recognition as a 2017 SILVER LEVEL EVERGLADES CHAMPION SCHOOL! Your school is now one of only nine recognized Everglades Champion Schools in the state of Florida.

Last year, Beachside Montessori Village participated in the Everglades Champion Schools Recognition Program for the first time. This innovative new program is coordinated by the Everglades Foundation, in partnership with the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center of Florida Atlantic University.

The Everglades Champion Schools Recognition Pilot Program is designed to showcase, recognize, and model exceptional accomplishments of students, faculty, and their schools. Schools are evaluated by demonstrating progress in five pillars: 1) professional development; 2) integrating Everglades Literacy into the curriculum; 3) inquiry- and project-based learning; 4) Everglades leadership; and 5) innovation.

As a participant in the program's pilot year, your school has led the way in supporting Everglades literacy and conservation in your classrooms, on the school campus, and in your community.

We hope you take great pride in the efforts of our students, teachers, staff, parents, and community partners who are working together to become a model of Everglades stewardship for schools across the state. Special congratulations to your Everglades Champion Schools leader and team in this effort.

We hope you will join us in celebrating your school's status as an Everglades Champion and supporting its ongoing efforts to educate tomorrow's stewards of all of our natural treasures!

Best regards,

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