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PS Eco-Challenge 2023



The Broward P3 Eco-Challenge is a multi-divisional and organizational effort between Broward County Public Schools (BCPS), Broward County Natural Resources Division and the Environmental Conservation Organization.

A P3 Committee, represented by members from these organizations was formed to create and implement this wonderful initiative to recognize and reward our schools, teachers, students, non-instructional and custodial staff for their many efforts to learn about and implement environmentally sustainable measures and green initiatives within our schools and communities.

There are two areas of recognition: The P3 School Challenge and the P3 Stewardship Recognition. The school challenge entails demonstrating participation in or implementation of different sustainability metrics based on a rubric composed of six comprehensive categories: School Grounds Enhancement, School Sustainability, Curriculum Integration, Community Involvement and Administrative Support.

The P3 Stewardship Recognition rewards teachers, students, non-instructional individuals and custodial staff who show evidence of promoting civic responsibility, environmental stewardship, and education of environmental issues. The metrics of this category include: Awareness and Involvement, Current Professional Development/ Affiliation, Instructional Soundness/Creativity, and Skill Building.





Broward County Natural Resource Division.

Monica Pognon, *Director, Broward County Natural Resource Division*, Victor Suarez, Kimberly Mayo and Rose Béchard-Butman *Staff Members*

BCPS Applied Learning Department

Susan Cantrick, *Director*Dr. Lisa Milenkovic, *STEM+CS Supervisor*

Instructional Facilitators: Rebecca Malones, Summer Scarlatelli, Sheryl Arriola, Cindy Griffin, Belinda Beckford, Annmargareth Marousky, Kelly Thomas, Elaine Fiore, Adrian Carter, Nunderia Adderley, and James English

Environmental Conservation Organization:

Dawn Miller-Walker – Science Eye Andy Roberts - Youth Environmental Alliance

Steve Weinsier – Allstate Resource Management

Robin Reccasina - Sawgrass Nature Center and Wildlife Hospital



P3 ECO-CHALLENGE AWARDS CEREMONY

RECEPTION

Opening Remarks

Dr. JP Keener, BCPS Secondary Science Supervisor Emcee

Welcome

Commissioner Beam Furr, Broward County Commission District 6
Debra Hixon, Vice-Chair, School Board of Broward County,
Countywide At-Large, Seat 9

Introduction

Monica Pognon, Director, Broward County Natural Resources Division

Recognition of All Stewards

Dawn Miller-Walker, Science Eye
Andy Roberts, Youth Environmental Alliance

School Awards

Dr. Lisa Milenkovic, BCPS STEM + Computer Science Supervisor

Closing Remarks

Educators

Julietta Ambroise (Cypress Run Education Center)

Kesha Clacken (Plantation Elementary)

Marsha Eichel (Everglades High)

Melvin Figueroa (New River Middle)

Naomi Franklin (Miramar High)

Christian Jacobs (Coral Cove Elementary)

Peggy Ann Morgan (Floranada Elementary)

Heather Rowe (Nob Hill Elementary)

Ines Sanchez-Sosner (Ramblewood Elementary)

Raul Sarzo (Ramblewood Middle)

Zuwania Smith (Whiddon-Rogers Education Center)

Stacey Wichmann (Lakeside Elementary)

Nicole Williams-Roulhac (Panther Run Elementary)

Students

Aanya Amith Ambale (Central Park Elementary)

Aaron Beckford (Lauderdale Lakes Middle)

Ava Burns (Floranada Elementary)

Kemoni Camacho (Plantation Elementary)

Giavana Colavecchio (Central Park Elementary)

Audry Cranmer (Floranada Elementary)

Daniyal Diwan (Flamingo Elementary)

Tramaine Hightower (Whiddon-Rogers Education Center)

Shrishon Kumarasri (Miramar High)

Alexandra Leeds (Central Park Elementary)

Kayla Martinez (Silver Trail Middle)

Olivia Nipp (Floranada Elementary)

Mariah Rodrigues (Silver Trail Middle)

Kylie Rollison (Park Springs Elementary)

Harper Slavin (Central Park Elementary)

Kymari Swann (Davie Elementary)

Miray Yuzereroglu (Central Park Elementary)

Zeliha Yuzereroglu (Central Park Elementary)

Non-Instructional Staff

Kim Spennato (Central Park Elementary)

Robert Hord (Wilton Manors Elementary)

Custodial Staff

Brian Golden (Plantation Elementary)

Freddie Nelson (Whiddon-Rogers Education Center)

Schools

Central Park Elementary All Categories

Challenger Elementary Category 3

Dave Thomas Education Center *Categories 1, 2*

Flamingo Elementary Category 1

Griffin Elementary Category 1

Hunt Elementary Category 4

Lauderdale Lakes Middle All Categories

McArthur High All Categories

Miramar High All Categories

Panther Run Elementary All Categories

Park Springs Elementary Categories 1, 4

Plantation Elementary Category 1

Silver Lakes Middle School Category 1

Silver Shores Elementary All Categories

Silver Trail Middle Categories 1, 2, 3, 5

Whiddon-Rogers Education Center Categories 1, 3, 4

Thank you Long Key Nature Center for hosting the P3 Eco-Challenge Awards Ceremony!



About Long Key Natural Area & Nature Center: At 164.8 acres, this site is one of the largest natural areas managed by Broward County Parks and Recreation. As recently as a century ago this elevated oak hammock was part of a series of islands surrounded by Everglades marshes. Long Key encompasses some of the most significant archaeological, historical, and ecological resources in the county, as the area was inhabited by the ancient Tequestas and the more modern Seminoles.

Long Key's magnificent live oak hammock

has served as an important habitat for wildlife and is one of the largest remaining stands of upland hardwood forest in Broward County. Typical trees found in the hardwood forest include live oak, red bay, paradise tree, strangler fig, and the occasional cabbage palm and gumbo limbo. Among the diverse plants you can see are many species of epiphytic bromeliads and ferns that abundantly line the limbs of the oaks. Additional features include a 14-acre



orange grove, a remnant of a once-active citrus industry; restored wetland marshes, which have become a haven for a variety of migratory and resident birds; several man-made ponds and canals; and, an active bird roost/rookery. The site is also a refuge for butterflies and a variety of mammals, including foxes and bobcats.

More information on this park can be found at broward.org/Parks

Southeast Regional Envirothon



The Southeast Regional Envirothon is an annual competition in which high school teams demonstrate their knowledge of environmental science and natural resource management.

The competition is centered on five universal testing categories: Aquatic, Ecology, Forestry, Soil & Land Use, Wildlife and a Current Issue topic that changes every year. Winners from the regional competition advance to the

Florida Envirothon, and then the state winner advances to the international event, North American NCF Envirothon, that includes the U.S.A., Canada and China. All three levels have cash awards and other prizes. Visit Eco-tan.org for more information about participating in the next regional Envirothon on February 15, 2023.

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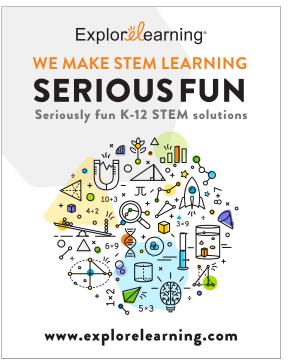












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The National Wildlife Federation Salutes the Broward P3 Eco-Challenge Honorees!

NWF applauds the efforts of students, teachers, administrators, and volunteers to carry out environment-based initiatives supporting community well-being, resource conservation, and wildlife protection.

Learn more about the National Wildlife Federation's education programs https://www.nwf.org/Educational-Resources/Education-Programs



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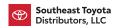
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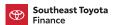


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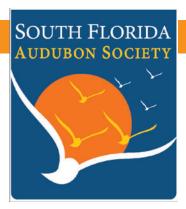








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