

2008/2009 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-six Cobb County Schools received Green School Designation for the 2008/2009 school year. Austell Intermediate, Big Shanty, Due West, Fair Oaks, Ford, Kincaid, Mount Bethel, Mountain View, Park Street, Russell, Sanders and Sope Creek Elementary Schools received Gold Status Designation; meaning more than 15 teachers completed 5 environmentally friendly lesson plans. Keheley and Pickets Mill Elementary Schools received Green School Silver Status Designation, with more than 10 teachers attaining Green Classroom Designations. The other Green School recipients were: A.L. Burrus, Eastside, Eastvalley, Frey, Kennesaw, Lewis, Nicholson, Nickajack, Westside, and Tritt Elementary Schools and Campbell and Lovinggood Middle Schools. The Green Schools represent over 3,500 hours of environmental education reaching more than 18,200 students.

The 2008/2009 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 found object mosaics. 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. These experiences gave students a chance to take their classroom lessons hands on in their own garden.

School Beautification – Children planted gardens and cleaned up the school grounds.

Environmental Reading – An environmental book basket was created and shared throughout the school. After the books were read students came up with ways to address the environmental issues mentioned in the book.

Saving Water – Students took conservation seriously in Cobb schools. They designed water conservation campaigns in the school. They took home water use audits and calculated how much water they use and how to save it. 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.

Classroom Composting– Class created "enriched soil" by composting. We layered bananas, apple peels, and potato peels between layers of soil. They then covered the soil with plastic paper, punched a few holes for air, and let it sit in a sunny window for a few weeks. When we uncovered the soil, we stirred it and discovered the food had decomposed and a dark humus soil had formed.

Food Web - Students learned about the life cycle and various needs within ecological systems and species interdependence through guest lecturer, hands on lessons and field trips.

Resource Protection – Students learned about saving energy through school and classroom lights out activities. They learned about shortages and scarcity through creative history lessons.



Mountain View Elementary School Green Teacher Coordinator, Eric Simpson, shares the Gold Level award with Cobb County School's Principal Angela Huff. This is Mountain View's second year as Green School, with Silver Level awarded last year.



Chalker Elementary School Students learn about stormwater runoff, non-point source pollution and protecting our water resources.



Kehely Elementary School students watch the Watershed Stewardship Program's Puppet Show and learn about protecting water and preventing pollution.

Green Teachers

The 399 Cobb County Green teachers come from 30 schools and exemplify Cobb County Schools' commitment to environmental education.

2008/2009 Green Teachers

COBB COUNTY GREEN SCHOOLS 2008/2009

Name

AUSTELL INTERMEDIATE

Elizabeth Jefferson

Coordinator

Samantha Ellison

Susan Neyland

Margaret Cannington
Erin Straubinger
Jan Zellers
Stephanie Thiel
Jennifer Robinson
Rachel Bier
A. Stewart O'Donnell
William Dills
Sherry Nanoff
Terese Carlin
Jena Parish
Dana Wertheim
Shayna Wolfson
Erin Steen
Evelyn Raissi
Valetta Oswalt

A.L. BURRUS ELEMENTARY

K. Gaudette Coordinator
W. Campagna
J. Kloet
S. Whitted
M. Holst

BIG SHANTY ELEMENTARY

Lisa Green Coordinator
Monica Burke
Robert Desin
Jamee Douglas
Deborah Lally
William McAllister
Glenda Milton
Leslie Phillips
Keisha Gordon
Lisa Schmid
Jill Swanger
Jahnie Economou
Erika Brown
Lisa Ashmead
Amy Hester
Barbara Powell-Schager
Alison Palen
Rebecca Gonzalez
Joyce Laudick
Elizabeth Kennedy
Leanna Vaughn

CAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Travis Schmid Coordinator
Rita Cerafoss
Daniel Hoeh
Cinde Santer
Christy Peace

CHALKER ELEMENTARY-

Donna Long Coordinator
Julie Phillips
Dana Stewart
Lori Schwartz

DOWELL ELEMENTARY

Allison Swinford Coordinator
Lauren Starliper
Margaret Reece
Nicole Harrison

DUE WEST ELEMENTARY

Lisa Slauson Coordinator
Donna Chumley
Judy Davis
Sandra McInvale
Jean Flore
Megan Paternostro
Stacey Harvey
Martha Haley
Jeanne Thome
Ann Blocksridge
Joanne Doss
Sheri Fowler
James Caswell
Michelle Leuffgen
Susan Hammons
Linda Petrea
Mary Roberts
Holly Holston

EASTSIDE ELEMENTARY

Susan Thompson Coordinator
Megan Mills
Annette Ranger
Kim Clark
Shan Levine
Leslie Jones

EASTVALLEY ELEMENTARY

Judith Osburn

Linden Moot
Terri Henderson
Linda Sloan
Paul Landry
Ann Klueter
Karen Kraeger
Jennifer Fortune

FAIR OAKS ELEMENTARY

Sherry Trimble

Coordinator

Kim Carren
Kristin Derr
John Roper
Laura Benoit
Constance Dean
Tiffany Gordon
Elizabeth Dunlap
Nicole Wold
Amber Henning
Lydia Barclay
Kim Hansbrough
Carol Perry
Debra Allen
Jenny Dunn
Katherine Steiber
Denotra Henley
Zandre Jean
Shand Naylor
Mary McDermott
Jennifer Miller
Lori Rogers
Michelle Robell
Claudine Whone
Virginia McNabb
Mary Maxwell
Leigh Haddon
Susan Sweat
Cary Caramello
Pamela Zimmerman
Maura Snow

FORD ELEMENTARY

Amy Soto

Coordinator

Cates Fudge
Janice Goodall
Drena Varghese
Ms. Jones
Peggy Robertson
Kay Applegate

Nicole Rushkin
Laurie Cook
Mary Mathis
Cheri Nix
Barbara Warren
Kellie Slaughter
Joan Slocki
Linda Huebne
Carla Yancey
Laura Hargrave
Marna Crane
Vicki Turner
Barb Birkbeck
Julie Barnett
Ashley Miller
Kellee Strickland
Todd Plunckert
Libby Mitchell
Polly Baron
Brandy Keasler
Linda McMath
Laura Holmes
Cynthia Edwards
Stephanie Beckett
Celeste Jouanet
Fran McMath
Nikki Belmont

FOUNDATIONS FUTURE

Amy Kestenbaum

Coordinator

FREY ELEMENTARY

Gary Jordan

Coordinator

Kelly Evans
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Carrie Smith
Dina Asher
Kristen Roper

KEHELEY ELEMENTARY

Laura Lindsey

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Stephanie Lawson
Deborah Ryscamp
Brandy Mitchell
Kristina Eckman
Keila Frederick

Cindy Winter
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Lois Collier
Melanie Henson

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Beth Glass
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Debbie Stewart
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LEWIS ELEMENTARY

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Kari Reeves
Pam Huber
Beth Maffei

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Mary Horn
Lorraine Nasta
Rachel Taubee

John Cali

MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY

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Leah Wolsh

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Meghan Bishop

Ashlee Kobar

Sherilyn Walworth

Margaret Paon

Gloria Holton

Lee Steele

Joan Tinley

Jacque Stone

Jessica Dore

Whitney Spooner

Jill Fiala

MOUNT BETHEL ELEMENTARY

Maureen Mullins

Coordinator

Amy Riordan

MadgeMarie Marks

Shannon Sides

Sue Silverman

Vicki Morgan

Cheryl Malone

Krissy Peterman

Laura Ferguson

Michelle Harden

Kathy Scheer

Connie Perry

Rich Mari

Jim Morris

Melissa Danner

Janet Jones

Eileen Jedicka

Jayne Hammond

Jodi Johnson

Marycatherine Rinaldi

Toni Hillegas

Valerie Levitt

Lisa Brannock

Kris Barkley

Stacey Fogel

India Roberts

Nancy Mawson

Jessica Kerzie

Cynthia Sloane
Jessica Snow
Missy Bain
Tiffany Miller
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Jodi Greenwald
Meredith Homoelle
Mari Davison
Heather Cillian
Theresa Collins
Marian Smith
Tracy Sikes
Sherann Bush
Jessica Roberts
Nancy Costigan
Eileen Silberstein
Penny Schrek
Kim Osburn
Arleen Taffel
Lindsey Martin
Beth Milne
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