

## **2010/2011 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-seven Cobb County Schools received Green School Designation for the 2010/2011 school year. A.L. Burrus, Austell Intermediate, Big Shanty, Due West, Fair Oaks, Ford, Lewis, Mountain View, Mount Bethel, Park Street, Russell, and Tritt Elementary Schools received Gold Status Designation; meaning more than 15 teachers completed 5 environmentally friendly lesson plans. Belmont Hills, Kennesaw Charter Science and Math Academy, and Nicholson Elementary Schools received Green School Silver Status Designation, with more than 10 teachers attaining Green Classroom Designations. The other Green School recipients were: Chalker, Keheley, Kennesaw Elementary, Kincaid, Lassiter, Lovinggood, Murdock, Nickajack, Sanders, Walton, and Wheeler High Schools. The 2010/2011 Green Schools represent the work of 422 teachers, over 80,000 hours of environmental education reaching more than 10,000 students.

The 2010/2011 year of the Green School Initiative represents more than 400 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. School gardens that both beautified the campus and taught lessons about natural lifecycles were vital aspects of the green school's programs. Many of those gardens were maintained by collecting rain in rain barrels.

*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 creating cityscapes from commonly discarded items. 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. Students practiced organic gardening and saw the benefits of composting in their school gardens. These experiences gave students a chance to take their classroom lessons hands on in their own garden.

*Nature Walks* – Students investigated their own environment around their schools. They learned how to identify habitats, plant type and developed methods and steps for preserving the habitats around their school.

*Environmental Reading* – Students read the Lorax and reflected on the impact of people on the environment and what their responsibilities as future stewards of the earth are.

*Water Cycle* – 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. They learned songs and reinforced their knowledge by taking “The Incredible Journey” through the water cycle.

*Tri-state Water Wars*– High school students learned about the ongoing legal battle for the metro area’s drinking water. The students learned about the complexities of competing needs for water the significant role water plays in: economic development, power generations, navigation, eco-system management, and public supply. Many students got to act as representatives from Alabama, Florida and Georgia and actually undergo a mock negotiation to attempt to settle the 21 year dispute.

*Earth Day* – Students participated in fairs and festivals that revolved around natural resource stewardship. They made posters and created presentation to teach other students how to take care of the earth.

*Resource Protection* – Students learned about saving energy through school and classroom lights out activities. They monitored their home energy consumption through meter reading and measured savings after implementation of conservation measures. They learned about shortages and scarcity through creative history lessons.



Lewis Elementary Students learn about the Water Cycle through the Water Cycle puppets Lesson



Murdock Elementary Students Pledge to the I'm In Campaign to save Water

## **Green Teachers**

The 422 Cobb County Green teachers come from 33 schools and exemplify Cobb County Schools' commitment to environmental education.

### **2010/2011 Green School Teacher List**

#### **A.L. Burrus – Gold**

Shannon Burch  
Lauri Bruton  
Michael Holst  
*Katie Gaudette*  
Teresa Hudson-Green  
Melody Lady  
Wendy Campagna  
Jennifer Kanzler  
Chris Galpin  
Avis Franklin Grant  
Krystle Welch  
Maureen Hutchinson  
Jennifer Kloet  
Adrienne Norcia  
Katie Spier

#### **Austell Intermediate - Gold**

*Elizabeth Jefferson*  
Susan Dreher  
Dana Henkowitz  
Craig Dills  
Meg Cannington  
Annie Coleman  
Aundrea Johnson  
Shannon Williams  
Renee Heiberger  
Tamra DeVane  
Erin Tyre  
Rachel Dutton  
Jena Parish  
Lisa Portland  
Michelle Overstreet  
Samantha Ellison  
Barbara Jones  
Leila Barber  
Beth Knight  
Mariko Whiteside  
Sheila Elkins  
Julie Bishop

Jessica Sellers

**Belmont Hills – Silver**

Judith Gallagher / Melissa Gilbert  
Rachel Robinette  
Patrice Hill  
Tina Launey  
Natalie Bennett / Melissa Weatherford  
Melly Ermentrout  
Marissa Ray and Leah Rabinowitz  
Nicole Verner  
Heather Lyon & Anne Quagliana  
Audrey Rice  
Ginger Oliver / Lashaun Lee  
Susie Chenoweth/Rachel Odom  
Amanda Keller

**Big Shanty Elementary – Gold**

Ali Palen  
Patricia Peacock  
Jill Swanger  
Tara Moody  
Amy Hester  
Lisa Schmid  
Barbara Powell-Schager  
Monica Burke  
Karen Taylor  
Jamee Douglas  
*Lisa Green*  
Lisa Ashmeade  
Keisha Gordon  
Mrs. Dallene J. Weaver  
Charlie Cook  
Jahnie Economou  
Lynne Hutnik  
Betsey Kennedy  
Erika Brown  
Leslie Smith  
Jane Collins  
Bill McAllister

**Chalker Elementary**

Donna Long  
Lori Schwartz  
Susan Rhone  
April Cerio  
Gail Schiener

Kathy Navarra  
Julie Phillips  
Sarah Adams  
Elissa Kinison

**Daniel Middle School**

Frances Hebb  
Rebecca Tidwell  
Tara Raymond  
Suzanne Ehlers  
Judi Johnson

**Due West Elementary - Gold**

Joanne Doss  
Erin Milton  
Susan Hammons  
Megan Paternostro  
Liz Kauffmann  
Kirsten Perla  
*Lisa Slauson*  
Donna Chumley  
Sandra McInvale  
Mary Schwartz  
James Caswell  
Maria Entsminger  
Judy C. Davis  
Francine Lawrence  
Mary Roberts  
Martha Haley  
Mandy Pearce  
Jeanne Thome

**Eastvalley Elementary**

Karen Kraeger

**Fair Oaks Elementary – Gold**

Nicole Wold  
Constance Dean  
Virginia V. McNabb  
Alix Combs  
Barbara Martin  
Katherine Stieber  
Natalie Hutchins  
*Sherry Trimble*  
Jessica Bell  
Kristin Poncheri  
Maura Snow

Elizabeth Dunlap  
Kimberly Carren  
Jackie Kapstein  
Charlene Kratz  
Tiffany Hourigan

**Ford Elementary – Gold**

Carol Denise Keasler  
Tina Smith  
Julie Poe  
Cynthia Edwards  
Laura Holmes  
Barbara Birkbeck  
Julie Barnett  
Vicki Turner  
Nicole Rushin  
Linda Huebner  
Laura Hargrove  
Stephanie Aldridge  
*Amy Soto*  
Ann Fillingim  
Carla Yancey  
Zachary Mathis  
Brandy Keasler  
Linda McMath/Debra Hebert  
Todd Plunkert  
Libby Mitchell  
Jennifer Wiltshire  
Peggy Robertson  
Barbara Warren  
Cherie Nix  
Bramlett Micklow  
Drena Varghese  
Kellee Strickland  
Jan Goodall  
Ashley Miller/Kelly  
Mary Mathis  
Kay Appelgate  
Lauri Cook  
Colleen Cauffiel  
Cates Fudge Byrd

**Keheley Elementary**

Lois Collier  
Stephanie Lawson  
Brandy Mitchell  
*Amy Keirnan*

Deborah Ryscamp  
Katie Biello  
Kelly Webb  
Diane Gillen  
Annette Simpson

**Kennesaw Charter Science and Math Academy – Silver**

Jennifer Knothe  
Michael Donnelly  
Heather Ayers  
Tammy Davis  
Kay Sims  
Jason Page  
Margie McMasters  
Lucy Agresta  
*Judy Osborne*  
Cameron Smith  
Charley Walper  
Judy Allen  
Stacey Porter

**Kennesaw Elementary**

Rachel Evans  
Allison Castleberry  
*Patricia Dianto*  
Hollie Folsom  
Audrey Troceen  
Heather Charest

**Kincaid Elementary-**

*Megan Ulrich*  
Sarah Munroe  
Beth Molley  
Debra Haskin  
Marc Tartaro  
Martha Hudson  
Beth Glass  
Gaye Lantis  
Patricia Rausch

**Lassiter High**

Vicky Stathas  
Jane Martin  
Dianne Adams  
April Mathews  
*Jennifer Mercure*

### **Lewis Elementary – Gold**

Amanda Lovett  
Beth Maffei  
Jennifer Rogers  
*Marylea Remkus*  
Jocelyn Cetti  
Lori Larson  
Pam Huber  
Veronica Stubbs  
Brooke Turner  
Sheila Kloss  
Amber Little  
Stephanie Clifford  
Kelli Connors  
Emily Bodden  
Donna Meyers  
Debra Brock  
Monica Carlton  
Jeanne Jumper  
Kari Reeve  
Megan Long  
Karen Osterhoudt  
Lisa Fries  
Ryann Henderson  
Rebecca Roberts  
Laurie Edwards  
Laura Layde  
Pennie Lemley  
Donna Murillo

### **Lovinggood Middle School**

Janice Scoville  
Rachel Taulbee  
Renee Skillman  
Christian Cali  
*Kathryn Kilkenny*  
Jackie Jones

### **Mountain View Elementary – Gold**

Lynn Gilormo  
Patricia Kanwisher  
Sherilyn Walworth  
Cindy Bergeron  
Margaret Paon  
Alan Aumann  
Joan Tinley

Cathy Halberg  
Beth Hudson  
Mary Ann Farah  
Ashlee Kobar  
Kristin Shildnick  
Anita Ducey  
Lauren Cox  
Courtney Cook  
Worth Cooper  
Jill Fiala  
Meghann Sheffield  
Leah Walsh  
Rene Hite  
Jami O'Connor  
Whitney Spooner  
Patricia Abel  
*Jacque' Stone*  
Shana Henson  
Stacey Osborne

**Mount Bethel Elementary- Gold**

Shannon Sides  
Jessica Kerzie  
Cheryl Malone  
Madge Marie Marks  
Dianne Chapman  
Melissa Danner  
*Maureen Mullins*  
Laura Ferguson  
James Morris  
Janet Jones  
Carolyn Griffin  
Nancy Mawson  
Missy Bain  
Toni Hillegas  
Melina Birdsong  
Jody Greenwald  
Kim Kranzlein  
Beth Milne  
Krissy Peterman  
Stacye Fogel  
Richard Mari  
Tracy Sikes  
Penny Schreck  
Lisa Higginbotham  
Heather Mullins

Wendy Greenwald  
Lindsay Adams  
Marian Smith  
Tiffany Paupeck  
Kristine Barkley  
Lindsay Capobianco  
Peggy Haag  
Mary Alice George  
India Bennett

**Murdock Elementary**

Georgette Dobkin  
*Amy Forman*  
Karen Lane  
Gail Lazarus  
D.J. Clancy / Sue Waldrop  
Megan Baker / Joni Gaw

**Nicholson Elementary - Silver**

Wanda Shue  
Leslie Mansfield  
Cheryl Ashley-Serafine  
Sylvia Robeson  
Judy Stephen  
Amy Jampol  
Michelle Burke  
Theresa Haywood  
Michele Myers  
Kim Hughes

**Nickajack Elementary**

April Cochran  
*Diane Kordel*  
C. Maria McDonald  
Jessica Y. Nicula  
Jessica Bassett  
Karen Harrison  
Julie Kohlbacher  
Deryl Heflin  
Molly Slayton

**Osborne High**

*Tarsha Wynn*

**Park Street Elementary - Gold**

*Soosan Faulk*  
Ms. Stephanie Grogan

Nancy Walker  
Rachel Morrissey  
Audrey M. Bennett  
Betty Blessing  
Brian D. Katz  
Tracy Warren  
Katie Fitzgerald  
Audrey Benson  
Kathryn Staphylaris  
Romar Blackmon  
Idris Johnson  
Mary Louder  
Frances Bogle  
Ana Villalon  
Wanda Boatwright  
Sharon Worley  
Shawn J. Underwood  
Rebekah Toles

**Picketts Mill**

Lori Sproat

**Pope High School**

*Christine Dahlhauser*

Joe Green

**Russell Elementary – Gold**

Patricia Dufina  
*Kelly Bodner*  
Kimberly Comai  
Gerry Savery  
Russell Elementary  
Elizabeth Zych  
Caren Murry  
Tracey Steiner  
Laura Hall  
Deborah Brown-Bell  
Allison Inge  
Elaine Davis  
Nakima Jackson  
Dawn Allison-Ruiz  
Stephanie Strickland  
Tekisha Abney  
Sabrina Robbins  
Rita Redmon  
Stephanie Delaine-Green  
Sabra Lawson

Cheryl Chesterfield  
Crystal Ware  
Tracia Carter  
Stephanie Williams-Hunt  
Danielle Withers  
Jill Donehoo  
Linda McCall  
Kimberly Donina  
Tanya Singleton  
Jeanette Norwood  
Jane Sadeckas  
Lisa Rueter  
Beverly Schmidt  
Marsha Leonard  
Bridget Purdy  
Ann Cobb

**Sanders Elementary**

Candice dyer  
Allison Monroe  
Jill Thurman  
Deb Billotee  
*Cindy Wagner*  
Erin Schularick  
Camille A. Nichols-Davis  
Teri Greer

**Sprayberry Academy**

Alyssa White  
Jonna Clark  
Angela Huges  
Samantha Mann  
Renee Cohen

**Tapp**

*Dana Gilbert*  
Mary Teren  
Alexander Shannon  
Nancy Howard

**Tritt Elementary - Gold**

Kimmie Bower  
Lori Lide  
Cindy Gentry  
Christy Goss  
*Tamera Neal*  
Angela Wilson

Kim Lamphere  
Ilene Smith  
Barbara Kappel  
Lana Kleimon  
Theresa Grohovsky  
Amy Crandall  
Luann Wiggins  
Amanda Arasi  
Isabel Hamiter  
Alexa Pasquarelli  
Melody Swierski  
Michelle East  
Annbryan Womble

**Walton High**

*Sharon Camp*  
Barbara Hopper  
Pamela Riley  
Tobie Hendricks  
Ann Baxley

**Wheeler High**

Dr. Dawn Adams  
Ms. Susan Phillips  
Dr. Cheryl Crooks  
Mr. Christopher Walstead  
Maggie Kelavkar  
Andrea Hawes

*Italics designates school coordinator*