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DGS Announces The 2016 DCPS Recycles! Honor Roll In Celebration Of Earth Day

Department of General Services Recognizes 47 District Schools for Excellence in Recycling

(Washington, D.C.) — The Department of General Services (DGS) announced today, Earth Day (April 22), the recipients of the DCPS Recycles! Honor Roll 2016. The 47 DCPS schools honored today have shown enthusiasm for, and excellence in, recycling.

“When it comes to recycling education, actions speak louder than words.” said Christopher Weaver, DGS Director. “In these schools, students are learning behaviors that are consistent with the knowledge and skills needed to be civic leaders in a sustainable 21st century.”

Of the 47 schools that have demonstrated enthusiasm for, and excellence in, recycling, 23 schools are honored with distinction for their exceptionally high performance in implementing organics recycling in their cafeterias and kitchens, while maintaining consistent paper recycling in classrooms and offices.

This year DCPS schools sent approximately 250 tons of organic materials to a composting facility instead of to an incinerator or landfill, an increase from last year of 150 percent, said Mark Chambers, DGS Director of Sustainability and Energy. “More importantly, students learned not only to ‘recycle more’ but to ‘reduce first’ and ‘recycle right’ by participating in DGS’s recycling challenges.”

“The schools that repeatedly make the Honor Roll have established recycling as part of their school cultures rather than relying on an individual champion to carry it forward,” said Beth Gingold, DGS Schools Conservation Coordinator. She added, “One of the best outcomes of a recycling program is the sense of pride and teamwork it creates among students, teachers, and maintenance staff, which spills over into other school-wide initiatives.”

Schools that are still working on rolling out their recycling programs have until May 30 to fill out the [DCPS Recycles Honor Roll 2016 Application](#) to be added to the DCPS Recycles! Honor Roll 2016 at the end of this school year.

DCPS Recycles! 2016 Honorees

Bancroft Elementary School (Ward 1)*
Benjamin Banneker High School (Ward 1)
Bruce-Monroe Elementary School @ Park View (Ward 1)*
Burroughs Elementary School (Ward 5)
Cardozo Education Campus (Ward 1)
Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan (Ward 6)
Cleveland Elementary School (Ward 1)
Columbia Heights Education Campus (Ward 1)
C.W. Harris Elementary School (Ward 7)*
Deal Middle School (Ward 3)*

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Dorothy I Height Elementary School (Ward 4)
Garfield Elementary School (Ward 8)*
H.D. Cooke Elementary School (Ward 1)*
Hearst Elementary School (Ward 3)*
Hendley Elementary School (Ward 8)
Houston Elementary School (Ward 7)
J.O. Wilson Elementary School (Ward 6)
Ketcham Elementary School (Ward 8)*
Key Elementary School (Ward 3)
King Elementary School (Ward 8)
Lafayette Elementary School (Ward 4)
Langdon Elementary School (Ward 5)*
Mann Elementary School (Ward 3)*
Marie Reed Elementary School (Ward 1)
Maury Elementary School (Ward 6)*
McKinley Technical High School (Ward 5)
McKinley Middle School (Ward 5)
Moten Elementary School (Ward 8)*
Nalle Elementary School (Ward 7)
Orr Elementary School (Ward 8)*
Oyster-Adams Bilingual School (Adams) (Ward 3)*
Peabody Elementary School (Ward 6)
Powell Elementary School (Ward 4)*
Randle Highlands Elementary School (Ward 7)
River Terrace Education Campus (Ward 7)
Ross Elementary School (Ward 2)
School Without Walls @ Francis-Stevens (Ward 2)*
School-Within-School @ Goding (Ward 6)*
Seaton Elementary School (Ward 6)*
Stoddert Elementary School (Ward 3)*
Thomson Elementary School (Ward 2)*
Truesdell Education Campus (Ward 4)*
Tubman Elementary School (Ward 1)
Turner Elementary School (Ward 8)
Van Ness Elementary School (Ward 6)*
Woodrow Wilson High School (Ward 3)
Youth Services Center (Ward 5)

*Schools honored with distinction

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