



Pasco County Schools

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DATE: August 20th, 2018
TO: Principals
FROM: Salinda Strandberg, Recycling Coordinator

SUBJECT: 2018-2019 Conservation Liaison

School Administrators and teachers, I hope you enjoyed your summer! With the first day of school under our belts it is time again where we, the Recycling Operations, ask for your assistance in the conservation of our natural resources by choosing or stepping up to be your site's *Conservation Liaison*.

This memo is a call for help. When it comes to how to teach children science, math, geography, etc., you're the best at it. The interdisciplinary skills you teach and they learn today will be the planet-saving skills they utilize tomorrow. Your mission, if you choose to accept, is to help children develop a connection to the environment, through both learning and experience. Learning about core environmental concepts (importance of conservation of our natural resources and the effects of pollution and waste) can support the future of both individual decisions as well as national and global efforts toward sustainability. All too often, these topics get passed over in favor of other, more conventional, educational goals. But it's been proven that there's no better time to start educating kids about the environment than early on in their lives, because so much of what we learn during our school years ends up influencing the rest of our lives, for better or for worse.

You don't have to worry about running the whole district-wide recycling program, but your assistance as the *Conservation Liaison* at your school is greatly needed and appreciated! Greening your school isn't just about getting grants for solar panels and building a rain-water collection system. Those things are great, but it can be as simple as opening the eyes of a child to the native plants just beyond the playground, helping a student calculate the carbon footprint of his trip to school, teaching the principles of zero-waste within your own classroom, or sponsoring the Earth Patrol (Eco) group at your school. Regardless of budget or setting, there's a lot every teacher can do to inspire his or her students to make the world a little greener.

Please take a few moments and determine if this is a calling you can get behind. Volunteer as your site's Conservation Liaison! Please send the contact information for your site's Conservation Liaison no later than September 3rd, 2018.

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Duties of the Conservation Liaison can be as creative as the person that takes it.

Basic duties are outlined below.

- ✚ Work together with the District Recycling Coordinator, school administrator and Plant Managers to establish the school's conservation program goals.
- ✚ Review the District's Conservation and Recycling Website or call the District's Recycling Coordinator to learn more about conservation.
- ✚ Educate students and staff on recycling, energy conservation, water conservation and many other environmental topics throughout the school year.
- ✚ Positive, Optimistic and Enthusiastic about this role.
- ✚ Sponsor student involved group (Earth Patrol or other environmental student group)
- ✚ Receive updates from the Conservation and Recycling Coordinator on any changes or questions about District Recycling efforts.
- ✚ Assist the school in ordering marketing materials and recycling supplies.

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