

Planting the seed.

Science class nature walk = scary amounts of trash.

We wanted to do something to help.

We asked Mrs. Booth if we could start a club. She thought that was a great idea!

It took some persuasion to convince Mrs. Dikeos to let us give the club a try.

From there, our passion started to grow as we sprouted new members.



Sprouting Eco Warriors

- First, we applied.
- In the application we had to write a paragraph about what WE have done to help the planet
- Our club grew to 14 devoted members.
- We decided to meet on Monday's.





Our Mission

Become a <u>Kentucky</u> <u>Green School</u>! Promote <u>Environmental</u> <u>Education</u> throughout our school.

2021-2022 Blooms



Earth week challenges

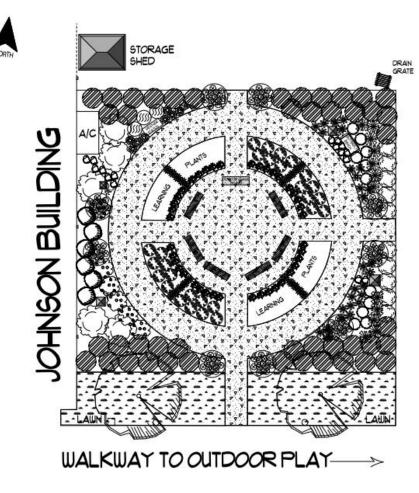
* The week leading up to Earth day was full of fun!
* On the morning announcements each day we had a challenge and cool fact for the school
* We also hung our "Planet Earth Flag" from the flagpole to celebrate.

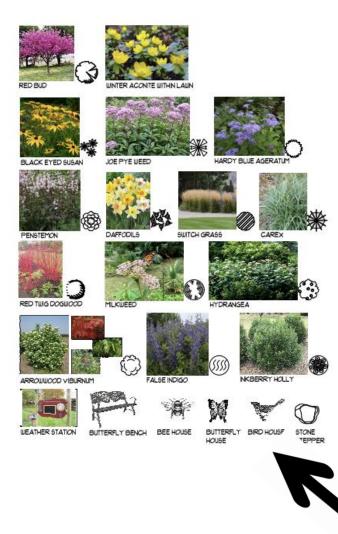
Here's our challenge for you!

- One earth fact we used was, "A typical school will use an average of 2,000 sheets of paper per day, meaning that during a full school year of 177 days, a school will chew through over 354,000 sheets of paper per year. That's a LOT of paper!"
- Today we have a challenge for all of you! We challenge you to reuse as much paper as you can. You can write on the back of your paper. Use scraps for bookmarks, reuse scraps of construction paper, and recycle all paper- even if it's written on.
- This will help us cut down less trees. Even if it's small it can make a big difference!



JES Outdoor Classroom





- We all gave ideas:
 - "What kind of flowers?"
 - "How can we add bird houses, bird baths, etc?"
 - "What flowers will bloom throughout the year?"
- Mrs. Booth got to work and asked for some help.
- This is our design.

Who knows our school the best?



To help us with our improvement ideas we interviewed custodians about issues that were apparent in our school. They told us that every day after school there were pencils all over the floor they were ending up in the trash even though the pencils could have been recycled. However, the biggest problem is that kids tried to recycle dirty tissues! Tissues cannot be recycled. Our school custodians provided great insight into goals we needed to set, and it helped us to make a huge impact.



Recycling Awareness

• We discovered that recycling tissues was an issue in our school. We let every member of the eco club make a poster to hang in every classroom. Now it is no longer an issue.

Kicking Off Recycling



• We surveyed teachers to see if they had recycling bins. When we finished the survey, we made a chart that told us which teachers had recycling bins, and which teachers didn't. Once we finished the chart, we made temporary recycling bins for classrooms. Finally, we contacted Rumpke and had more bins delivered. We distributed the recycling bins and can officially say that 100% of classrooms are recycling at Johnson.











Watch us Grow in 2022-2023!

- This year our projects will include:
 - Maintain and preserve the new outdoor classroom.
 - Recruit future members.
 - Main project this year- Create a recycling program in the cafeteria
 - Grow pumpkins for Hullabaloo
 - Educate K-5 students on how to be stewards of the environment.



The tree has grow.. JES Outdoor Classroom

- Our club will be charged with:
 - Pulling weeds
 - Raking leaves
 - Clearning the path each morning
 - Watering the plants when needed
 - Pruning and caring for plants
 - Clearning leaves and cleaning benches
 - Updating the classroom as neededoutdoor white board, weather station, bird houses and feeders, water features for pollinators.

Brainstorming for Cafeteria Recycling and Composting

We decided, after looking in the trash cans during one of our meetings that there is so much leftover food that could be composted and lunch containers that could be recycled. We want to start a composting service and recycling initiative at our school to encourage kids to remember to recycle their items. We hope to be able to raise funds for a compost bin and recycling bins in our cafeteria. We also will create an awareness compaign to teach the younger students how to recycle and compost in the cafeteria.













Hullabaloo pumpkins

- Over the summer we met and built a raised pumpkin patch.
- We planted, watered, weeded, and watched them grow.
- In a few weeks we will hopefully have some pumpkins to harvest.
- We will continue to use this raised bed for years to come and produce pumpkins that can be used at Hullabaloo.

Spreading the Seeds.

Please join us in taking our Eco Warriors pledge.

I pledge to create a healthy, sustainable world by learning all I can about my impact on the planet and how I can increase awareness for positive changes in our school, community, and world. These changes will serve to reduce my impact on the planet and will be an example to others as to how we can all play a part in making the world healthy, strong, and prosperous for future generations.

