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Monthly Conservation, Recycling and Energy Management

UPCYCLED PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

The Brainy Bears at Cypress Elementary found a creative way to tackle a major problem. Teacher Sharon Robinson helped lead her 3rd grade class through their STEM (Science, technology, engineering and math) project. The Brainy Bears identified a problem with their vegetable garden. If the crops were planted early enough to ripen before school let out there was a chance they could freeze. Also, identifying a secondary problem of an over abundance of plastic bottles that end up at the waste to energy plant.

With all this in mind, the Brainy Bears took to finding a solution. Their solutions was to create a beautiful Plastic Bottle Greenhouse at their school. Over the course of several weeks, and with the help of some adults, the Brainy Bears were able to divert over 2000 bottles from around the district to create their greenhouse. (Pictured left: Sharon Robinson. Pictured right: Brainy Bears!)



Top 3 Battery Contest Winners!



**West Zephyrhills Elementary
Richey Elementary
Schrader Elementary**

2014-2015 BRAGGING RIGHTS

- Greenfiber Leader– Deer Park Elementary**
- Top Foam Tray Recycler— Wesley Chapel High**
- Highest Overall Recycling Rate Per Grade Division**
- Anclote Elementary**
- John Long Middle (tied)**
- Pine View Middle (tied)**
- Seven Springs Middle (tied)**
- Wiregrass Ranch High**

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