



# Environmental Character Education



## Curriculum Resources

### Earth Day

### High School - April 2006

In time for Earth Day, your students will learn about **tolerance** as it relates to environmental issues. Through participation in local Earth Day activities and research, students will be able to educate themselves about environmental issues plaguing our country and especially our state.

**Overview:** Students explore environmental issues that are important today. After researching issues and attending Earth Day events, students will write a report on their findings.

**Procedure:** Have students research through local newspapers or over the internet Earth Day events taking place in Broward County. Have each student select an event to attend and keep a journal of what they observe, what literature they pick up, and who they speak to at the events. Before or shortly after the event, students should also research an environmental issue which is causing trouble locally. In class, students should share their journal entries and what they learned by attending the events. They should also be encouraged to bring to class any literature and hand outs they received to pass around.

Next, each student should choose an environmental issue that is prevalent today and have them report about it. Have them tie the issue in with Earth Day, including what causes the problem, why the issue is not resolved, what can be done to resolve the issue and how South Florida and other communities are trying to put an end to the issue.

**Internet sources for finding local Earth Day events include:**

**Broward County Parks & Recreation**

[www.broward.org/parks](http://www.broward.org/parks)

**Broward County Libraries**

[www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library)

**Community Calendars**

[www.southflorida.com](http://www.southflorida.com)

[www.miamiherald.com](http://www.miamiherald.com)

[www.sunbiz.com](http://www.sunbiz.com)

### *Florida Panther Art & Poetry Contest*

Open to all Broward County students  
Grades K - 12

**Categories:**

**Art:** 8.5-inch x 11-inch color  
(must be free hand, not computer generated)

**Poetry:** 25 lines maximum

**Photography:** 8-inch x 10-inch matted  
(must provide original photo)

*Each entry must be judged internally by the classroom teacher. The first place entry from each class will be entered in the contest.*

- ▶ Entries due Monday, May 16th
- ▶ Awards will be presented on October 21st

Send entries to **Pat Crawley** via:

*The Pony*

Academy Programs  
Nova Middle /Gemini Building

-OR-

*US Mail*

Academy Programs  
3600 College Ave.  
Gemini Building  
Room 181  
Davie, FL 33314

### Environmental Educator of the Year Award

(Teacher / Administrator / Student)

*Please nominate a teacher, administrator or student from your school for this prestigious award.*

Applications are due to Pat Crawley by May 26, 2006

For more information, and to download a nomination form,  
please go to [www.broward.org/kids/teachers.htm](http://www.broward.org/kids/teachers.htm) or call Pat Crawley at 754-323-3759

If you have any questions or comments regarding these activities, call 954-519-1220 or e-mail [airoutreach@broward.org](mailto:airoutreach@broward.org).  
You can also visit our web site at [www.broward.org/kids/environment.htm](http://www.broward.org/kids/environment.htm).



By completing and submitting the survey below, you will be entered into a drawing for 4 free passes to Walt Disney World!

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey below to help the Broward County Environmental Protection Department better assess your needs. Thank you for the opportunity to work with you and your students.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (s) taught in 2005-2006: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject (s) taught in 2005-2006: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the Character Education newsletters you found most useful:

Character Trait	Elementary Theme	Middle School Theme	High School Theme	✓	Comments
Cooperation	Greenhouse Effect	Global Warming	Global Warming		
Responsibility	Make a Difference	Environmental Responsibility	Environmental Responsibility		
Citizenship	Recycling	Recycling	Recycling		
Kindness	Environmentally Friendly Holidays	Environmental Kindness	Personal Transportation Chart		
Respect	Florida Native Species	Environmental Respect	Native Plants/ Global Warming		
Honesty	Shel Silverstein poem discussion	Packaging Choices	Packaging Choices		
Self-control	Endangered Species	Ecological Footprint	Int'l Earth Day/ Open Burning		
Tolerance	Clean Buses	Clean Buses	Earth Day		

Fax your completed survey to the Broward County Environmental Protection Department, 954-519-1495, by May 26, 2006, to be entered into the drawing. Thank you for your time and have a wonderful, restful summer break!