Thank you from PLT Central

We want to applaud all educators, sponsors and partners who contributed to a very successful and productive year at PLT!

Introducing...

New PLT Schools and Environmental Education Center!

Welcome to our newest PLT schools, Montessori School of Navarre and Riversink Elementary in Crawford and our most recent PLT Environmental Education Center, Green Cay Nature Center in Boynton Beach.

PLT Outreach!

- Newly designed Florida PLT sponsor packets
- New PLT floor displays
- New PLT thank you flyer sent to donors
- Presented at PLT International Conference, “Florida GreenSchools! Investigation pilot study”
- New CD produced by national PLT, “Billy B Sings about Trees”

GreenSchools! is a program that allows both teachers and students to investigate environmental issues at their schools and engage with their community in service-learning projects. Six Florida PLT schools volunteered to pilot test the program and four were awarded service learning action project grants. For further information go to http://plt.org/cms/pages/21_23_242.html.

PLT People make the Difference!

- Trained 618 educators at 24 workshops located throughout Florida.
- Trained 33 new PLT facilitators (Those who train PLT teachers).
- Created 16 regional PLT facilitator teams, partnering experienced facilitators with several newly trained facilitators. Each team will host a PLT Educator workshop in their area in 2010.
- Over 1500 volunteer hours were donated to Florida PLT Central. Thank you Steering Committee members, facilitators, guest speakers and office volunteers. This figure is only a fraction of the hours donated the Florida PLT program state-wide.

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“GreenSchools! has helped me learn what I can do not only to help my school but to help my home and community. It was fun to do this with my friends and I know that I was making a difference.”

6th grade student
Thank you PLT volunteers!

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Florida PLT Pilot Testing On-Line Training Program for 4-H Leaders

FPLT is once again on the cutting edge of program delivery. Working with 4-H, we are developing an on-line program for 4-H leaders to become certified PLT educators. Additional information will be available through your county 4-H agent.

PLT uses the forest as a "window on the world" to increase youths' understanding of our complex environment, to stimulate critical and creative thinking, to develop the ability to make informed decisions on environmental issues, and to instill the confidence and commitment to take responsible action on behalf of the environment.

Celebrating Excellence

PLT Educator of the Year: Debra Wagner
As an elementary school teacher Debra has shared her love of the land with her students and brought environmental distinction to St. Paul Lutheran School by spearheading numerous award winning environmental and agricultural education projects such as the “Celebrate Creation” project. Congratulations Deb!

PLT Facilitator of the Year: Chris Verlinde
In 2008, Chris facilitated 7 educator workshops in north Florida reaching 122 educators. Annually she co-facilitates a PLT workshop in the Pensacola College Forestry Conclave and a workshop for 4-H camp staff every other year. Chris is a great asset to PLT as a leader and mentor and ensures that PLT is included in programs at the Environmental Education Institute. Congratulations Chris!

PLT Business Partner of the Year: Leon County Cooperative Extension Service
Extension Agents Marcus Boston and Stan Rosenthal secured a multi-year grant to facilitate 16 PLT Educator workshops for Pre-Service teachers, training 538 educators! Congratulations Marcus and Stan!