• Our new Green Champion Teacher Liaison, Korry Vanwagoner vanwagonek@duvalschools.org has already helped four schools start up or enhance their new Green Champion program. Go Korry!
• Since the school year began, participating schools have deposited 106,369 pounds into their textile recycling bins earning a nearly $11,000! If your school does not yet have a bin, contact GimenezT@duvalschools.org.
• Do you know an Eagle Scout candidate looking for a project? Jacksonville Beach ES is collaborating with a green-minded potential Eagle Scout on a project. Can’t wait to hear the details. That’s a win-win-win! Win for the Eagle Scout, win for the school and win for the environment! Nice job!
• LaVilla MS teacher Patricia Bradley is working with Global Scholars on an initiative called World of Water. Her students are conducting an in-depth study on how LaVilla MS uses water. JEA and DCPS Maintenance are assisting. To find out how to conduct a water audit at your school, follow this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6axK6E8v90. Some steps will need to be modified since our water is measured in gallons or cubic feet and not liters and most of our toilets do not have tanks, etc. but there is a lot of great information in the video.
• DSW accepts shoe donations. Working with SOLES4SOULS and BESTrongGLOBAL, DWS has collected and donated nearly 500,000 shoes since May 2018. Find out more at this link https://www.dsw.com/en/us/content/give-a-pair. Let’s do good stuff together!
• It’s time to sign up for Plant Camp 2019. UF/IFAS will select 24 science and environmental educators grades 4-12 for this 5 day workshop (June 10-14, 2019). There is no cost for the workshop and lodging and most meals are provided. Applications are due by 2/17/2019. Follow this link if interested in applying. the Florida Invasive Plant Education Initiative
• Since the school year began, we have used 2 million fewer KWH than last year at this time. That has saved DCPS over $200,000 so far this year. Let’s keep up the great work. If you have ideas on how your school can save energy or water, please contact carews@duvalschools.org.
• Green Champions can see how their school’s energy use per squarefoot compares to other schools. Find the Metrics section and select your school type – ES, MS, HS or SS.