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Gentilly Terrace Elementary kicks off “Go Green Week”

Gentilly Terrace Elementary is “Going Green”. The pre-K through 8th grade school has entered a groundbreaking partnership with Global Green USA, which granted \$75,000 to make Gentilly Terrace the fourth Green Seed School in New Orleans.



Beth Galante, Global Green USA New Orleans Director, presents a solar and wind power radio to “Green New Orleans” art contest winner Gabrielle Hart.

The alliance between Global Green USA and local schools including Gentilly Terrace, who are situated in areas still saturated with widespread rebuilding of homes and businesses, will play a crucial role in the green re-development of the city. Students who attend Green Seed Schools have the unique opportunity of exposure to the firsthand benefits and latest technologies of green building and practices, and thus are able to share their knowledge with their parents and neighbors who can also incorporate going green into their rebuilding and lives.

The announcement of the partnership was held a school wide assembly that kicked off “Go Green Week,” which officially begins on Earth Day (April 22) and includes eco-centric activities like switching traditional light bulbs with energy-saving compact fluorescents. The winners of a school-wide “Green New Orleans” themed art contest were announced and awarded “green prizes” including a solar and wind powered radio, a solar powered toy frog and a radiometer powered by solar heat or a light bulb. All students received a certificate of completion, a Global Green USA pin, a list of 10 easy tips for living green, and a letter about the Build it Back Green program which is aimed toward citizens of all income levels to provide education and resources regarding easy, affordable and cost-effective ways to go green.

The Green Seed Schools process begins with an in-depth assessment of the school facility to determine how the money will be best leveraged to yield the highest energy savings and most

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significantly reduce carbon emissions. Based on the specific needs of Gentilly Terrace Elementary, the \$75,000 will fund the purchase and installation of light sensors in classrooms, solar window shading and treatments and insulating hot water tanks, all of which will improve air quality, reduce energy costs and minimize the elementary school's carbon footprint.

The Green Seed Schools initiative has already granted thousands of dollars to three other schools in the city to purchase and install cutting-edge green technologies to maximize air-quality, student performance and efficiency at the schools. Green Seed Schools also enjoy significantly reduced energy bills which allow for allocation of funds toward other more worthy causes.

Gentilly Terrace Elementary is affiliated with the Capital One-University of New Orleans Charter Network is a seamless pre-kindergarten through college learning community. Schools in the Network are operated by UNO's College of Education & Human Development. Teachers focus on the individual needs of every child, every day and prepare children for the next educational level. This pre-kindergarten through high school educational process is designed to provide access and placement in community colleges and The University of New Orleans. For more information on the Capital One-University of New Orleans Charter Network, visit **www.unocharternetwork.net**.

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