

Recycling Rock Stars make a difference in community

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On May 16, Central Elementary received the first place Green Apple award for Green School from the Treasure Coast Branch of the U.S. Green Building Council South Florida Chapter.

The school's effort in making a difference in our community was recognized. Central collected 3,000 pounds of paper, 3,500 juice pouches, and also recycled plastic bottles, lids and cardboard school wide.

Not only did the school help the environment, but also helped others. Central supported Feeding America, a nationwide network of food banks and the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity.

The juice pouches were collected and sent to Terracycle.

The Recycling Rock Stars from Central Elementary and Everglades Elementary also won the Green Apple award in second place

for Green Classroom. Mrs. Fullea's and Mrs. Jones' classrooms from Central Elementary and Mrs. Streelman's and Mrs. Hawk's classrooms from Everglades Elementary came together to teach others about the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling.

They also collected thousands of plastic caps with the community's help and sent them to Caps of Love, a non-profit organization, Florida-based charity that collects plastic caps and recycles them.

The proceeds help purchase and repair wheelchairs for handicapped children.

The students thank the people from the community who helped collect plastic caps and juice pouches.

They thank Custom Graphics and Designs and East Coast Signs & Shirts.

They thank North Elementary for allowing the Rock Stars to come to their school and promote the importance of recycling.

They especially thank Waste Manage-

ment from Okeechobee for the continuing support in helping make a difference.

Please continue to collect plastic caps

and juice pouches during the summer.

When school starts you can drop them off at Central Elementary!



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Central Recycling Rock Stars sorting caps to make a difference. Left to right are Alexandra Pacheco, Miguel Medrano, Lillian Medrano, Jose Cisneros, Charles Van Eman, Lopez Patterson, L...