

Three schools lauded for going green

Henry Clay High School, Picadome Elementary School and Tates Creek Middle School have been recognized for making significant environmental and health improvements.

Students and staff representatives attended the Kentucky Green and Healthy Schools awards program May 6 at the Capitol in Frankfort. Henry Clay and Picadome received plaques, and Tates Creek got a certificate for participating in a new Web-based program that encourages students to identify and initiate sound practices at their schools.

Fifty-three schools across Kentucky are participating in the voluntary program, which launched last August. Some of their improvement projects include starting a recycling program, creating green space, evaluating indoor air quality, launching a nutrition and exercise newsletter, composting, evaluating energy use and organizing an educational environmental fair.

KGHS is a joint effort between the Kentucky Environmental Education Council and the Kentucky Department of Education. For more details, call (800) 882-5271 or visit www.greenschools.ky.gov.