



Clean Schools Competition 2011 *“A Cleaner Jamaica, A Greener Jamaica”*

AIM

To promote proper waste management

To educate students as to the best possible ways to dispose of their waste in order to reduce the levels of: insect/pest infestations, diseases, and all other forms of pathogens that are associated with improper waste disposal. This is also an attempt to reduce the risks of numerous and varied ill health consequences and all the other detrimental effects from careless garbage disposal; to instill in students a sense of responsibility for their surroundings, in particular their schools; to develop an appreciation for garbage containers and their usage in order to significantly reduce the high levels of littering in schools and elsewhere.

To promote cleanliness and Environmentally Friendly Practices among students in schools

To enhance the degree of pride and care students take in their surroundings, in addition to fostering a sense of value for a clean, healthy sanitary environment. It is also the hope of this competition that students will take home these environmentally sound messages to their households and wider communities.

To instill in students a sense of responsibility for their surroundings

To help students to become vigilant and aware of all the necessary steps that they can take to protect themselves from diseases and at the same time encouraging them to enhance the beauty of their own surroundings. Students must be aware of the factors that contribute to environmental destruction and how their own actions can affect these factors.

To promote recycling, reusing and reducing initiatives

To encourage students to seek new and creative ideas to recycle, reuse and reduce. Examples include waste to art project and composting.

Structure of the Competition

The competition will be open to all Primary, Preparatory and All Age Schools. Each participating school will be assessed and graded using a point system, based on the cleanliness and environmental friendliness of each school.

This year, the Clean Schools Competition has attracted a major sponsor – the Bank of Nova Scotia Jamaica Limited. As part of their “Scotia Goes Green Campaign” the Clean Schools Competition will be a major activity in the Go Green campaign.

School visits will commence on Monday, April 4, 2011. Unlike previous years, only two visits will be made during this year’s competition. At the first visit, an initial assessment will be done and schools will be advised about the judging criteria. Schools will be reminded of their obligation. (No points will be allocated). Schools not satisfying the competition criteria will be eliminated. One final unannounced visit will take place at which time points will be allocated.

Both visits to each participating school will be completed by May 27th, 2011. The competition will continue through Solid Waste Week, with presentation of awards and judging of the Waste to Art projects and Cultural Items forming a part of the activities for Solid Waste Week. The judging of the Clean Schools Competition will end on May 27th, and winners will be announced on May 31, 2011. A ceremony to present the prizes to winning schools and students is to be planned in conjunction with the BNS team.

Rules and guidelines for Entrants

1. Participating Schools must return entry forms by Wednesday, March 30, 2011.
2. The School must have environmental ambassadors to be identified by a badge.
3. Qualifying Schools must produce and perform one (1) cultural item - song, dance, skit) with a message in keeping with the theme of the competition “A Cleaner Jamaica, A Greener Jamaica”. The duration of the item should not exceed five (5) minutes with a maximum of fifteen (15) students.
4. Qualifying schools must prepare and present one (1) Waste-to-Art item on the scheduled day of the finals – June 6-9, 2011. Waste to Art items will utilize waste components such as paper, metals, plastic etc.
5. Schools may seek outside or other administrative help within their schools, in order to help them improve their cleanliness and level of environmental friendliness.
6. A new feature of this year’s competition is the Photo Section. Each school must submit three (3) pictures depicting something in the environment that is ‘Good, Bad, and Ugly.’ These photos will represent:
 - A good action that protects or preserves the environment;
 - A bad action that destroys or depletes the environment, and;
 - An unpleasant situation that arises from a bad action that negatively impacts the environment

These pictures must be uploaded to the Scotiabank Facebook Community Page. This section will be judged out of a total of 25 points by a panel of judges organized by Scotiabank. See Scotiabank Community Facebook page for details and instructions to upload pictures and complete application form.

Awards

Parish Prizes

- Parish winners – This award will go to the school that scores the most points in each parish. (Awards will be given to 1st , 2nd and 3rd place winners)
- Parish winners will receive trophies.

Regional Prizes:

- Regional winners – Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in each region.
 - 1st place - \$150,000 to start a Green Project & the Clean School Trophy
 - 2nd place - \$75,000 to start a Green Project
 - 3rd place - \$50,000 to start a Green Project
- Most Improved School – Awarded to the school (per region) that gains the most points between the initial and final assessment - \$20,000
- Best Cultural Presentation – Regional prize for the school with the best cultural presentation - \$20,000
- Best Waste to Art Project – Regional award for the school with the best Waste to Art project - \$20,000
- **Pictures – “The Good, Bad, and Ugly”**
 - First Place - \$75,000
 - Second place - \$40,000
 - Third Place - \$20,000
 - Most Liked Photo on Facebook - \$20,000