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OUTDOOR CLASSROOM WILL BE SPRING CLEANED AT JACKSON ELEMENTARY

ATLANTA, GA: Warren T. Jackson Elementary, a Georgia School of Excellence, Blue Ribbon School and IB World School, has become a Certified Wildlife Habitat as part of the Schoolyard Habitat Program by the National Wildlife Federation.

Warren T. Jackson applied for this certification after providing water sources, food sources, places for cover, places to raise young, and sustainable gardening practices on the school campus. Students will learn from and enjoy nature, while protecting it for future generations.

On Wednesday, April 13th, Jackson students will be cleaning out all garden beds to nurture old plants and wildlife and to make way for new plantings that will last throughout the year.

Jackson Outdoor Classroom and Roots and Shoots (Jane Goodall's international student organization) will be organizing this exciting garden day with Pike's Master Gardener speaking at the event.

The Jackson Outdoor Garden includes three edible organic gardens, a pollinator garden, bird watch area, science garden and nature trail. The effort to create and maintain these areas has come from students, teachers, faculty, Jackson families and community volunteers.

The purpose of these areas is to provide ample opportunity for the classes to enjoy nature and learn many lessons including organic gardening, life cycles, seasons, composting, weather, and native wildlife.

Warren T. Jackson Elementary School, a member of the Atlanta Public Schools System, has earned top-tier recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School, a Georgia School of Excellence, and an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. It is also the only Atlanta school to earn Platinum designation three years in a row for outstanding CRCT test scores.

Located in Buckhead, Jackson Elementary promotes a progressive balance of challenging academics together with advancing a child's character education. Through a variety of action-oriented programs and events (often philanthropic and ecological in nature), Jackson students are encouraged to go beyond the norm and become inquirers both in the classroom – and in the world at large. For more information, visit www.wtjackson.org.