

Brown Elementary School Honored for Green Initiatives

Brown Elementary School in the Hazelwood School District was named a winner of the 2019-2020 Green Schools Quest by the U.S. Green Building Council.

The competition challenges schools in Missouri and Southern Illinois to devise and implement creative, effective, and low-cost sustainable practices.

Brown Elementary was recognized with a 3rd place award in the Elementary Schools category for its Waste Warriors program.

The program encouraged all students to practice sustainability efforts, and included student learning activities like a waste audit, collecting data about the school's green habits, and advocating for use of reusable silverware.

"It is so exciting to see the ideas that the Brown Elementary community comes up with when it comes to sustainability," HSD Superintendent Nettie Collins-Hart said.

"The efforts at Brown are a model for any school to follow, and I am so proud of the students and staff for earning this award by creating engaging and fun learning opportunities."

Schools across the region took part in the event throughout the school year with guidance from a Green Mentor, a volunteer professional with an interest or expertise in sustainability.

This is the second consecutive year Brown Elementary was recognized in the Green Schools Quest; the school's student-led Green Team was recognized a year ago for encouraging recycling and teamwork throughout the school.



Two Hazelwood Schools Named Schools of Character

Brown Elementary School and Cold Water Elementary School in the Hazelwood School District have both been named National Schools of Character by Character.org.

The schools are among only 84 in the nation to receive the distinction.

“The students and staff at Brown and Cold Water continue to make our district proud by ensuring students develop strong character values as part of their time in the classroom,” HSD Superintendent Nettie Collins-Hart.

“This recognition is a testament to the wonderful learning environments both schools have created. I am thrilled for everyone who played a part in earning this honor.”

Schools become a ‘School of Character’ by implementing comprehensive strategies that help students understand and consistently practice core character values such as respect, responsibility, and integrity.

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ST. LOUIS — For the past six months, former Illinois running back and Super Bowl champion Carey Davis had stayed off Facebook.

It had become too political for Davis, now the head football coach at his alma mater, Hazelwood Central High School near St. Louis.

But the murder of George Floyd sent Davis to his keyboard earlier this week. And he had plenty on his mind.

“It’s clear to me that most will never understand,” Davis wrote. “I hear people say ‘just comply, then you won’t get shot.’ George Floyd seemed to be complying. As I sit on my deck in my backyard I think about Stephon Clark, who was shot in his backyard. Philando Castile was reaching for his ID. Breonna Taylor was asleep. Botham Jean was eating ice cream.

“Complying is not always the answer to not getting shot or killed.”

I have known Davis for 21 years, since Ron Turner recruited him to play for the Illini in 1999.

He is a voice of reason. A great guy who made the most of his opportunities, on the field and off.

After a successful stay in C-U, including important work as a runner and receiver for the 2001 Big Ten champions, Davis continued to the NFL.

An undrafted free agent, he plugged away with a string of teams — Colts, Falcons, Buccaneers and Dolphins. READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE AT https://www.news-gazette.com/sports/asmussen-it-s-clear-to-me-that-most-will-never-understand/article_e12e3ebd-f65e-5d28-97cb-89ffaf28d2b7.html