

2020 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School  
Missouri Honoree  
Sunrise Elementary



Bee observation

- Reducing Environmental Impacts--Sunrise works hard to reduce waste at the school and develops creative partnerships to do so, from engaging parents in plastic trash reduction to partnering with local farmers to keep food waste out of the landfill.



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- Improving Health & Wellness--The school engages local farmers, University Extension, and the Jefferson County Health Department to provide ongoing health and nutrition education for multiple grade levels and hosts an annual community health fair to connect students, parents, and community members with healthy lifestyle resources and provide free health screenings.
- Environmental and Sustainability Education--Annual professional development for teachers is provided to continually expand the use of their 22-acre outdoor classroom as a teaching tool. Again, they engage a variety of partners, from a local beekeepers association to the Missouri Department of Conservation, to help provide relevant and effective environmental education for students.

Nomination packet:

[http://missourigreenschools.org/mgs-schools/Sunrise-School/2020\\_SHORTENEDSunrise\\_EDGRS\\_FullPacket.pdf](http://missourigreenschools.org/mgs-schools/Sunrise-School/2020_SHORTENEDSunrise_EDGRS_FullPacket.pdf)