



From SMA-CPT Jeanette Marks, Marine Science Instructor and Eco-Team:

“We are just steps away from the bayfront, a marine science teachers dream! Our location allows me to take my outdoor classroom to the next level. Being downtown allows me to create memorable experiences with my students. The cadets and I take educational trips to USF St. Petersburg, receive their Boater’s Safety Certification through a partnership with FWC and Sarasota Power and Sailing Squadron, explore the watershed from SMA to Sarasota Bay during walking field trips, initiate in regular beach clean-ups and conduct field labs throughout the Sarasota Bay area.” – SMA-CPT Jeanette Marks



“Eco-Team is creating a butterfly garden! As part of the National Wildlife Federation's Eco-School program, we received butterfly friendly seeds to plant in order to create a habitat on campus for our native butterflies. We will send out another notice when the garden is complete, but be sure to look for changes each week as the students create this gardening masterpiece!

When completed, we will apply to have a certified Wildlife Habitat garden and be placing a plaque in the location to recognize the hard work and education our students, faculty, and visitors.