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Trash Dude goes to local elementary schools

Keep Sarasota County Beautiful has awarded five local elementary schools its signature trash collection receptacle, the talking Trash Dude, along with \$5,000 in education grants. On Tuesday, March 16, the Sarasota County Commission will host a ceremonial check presentation for the students, parents, teachers and school administrators. The presentation will take place at 9 a.m. during its regularly scheduled meeting in the commission chamber, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota.

Grants were awarded in the following amounts:

- First place: Bay Haven Elementary (Sarasota), \$2,500
- Second place: Phillippi Shores Elementary (Sarasota), \$1,500
- Third place: Atwater Elementary (North Port), \$1,000

Representatives of Keep Sarasota County Beautiful and the school district, awarded points for how each school:

- Promoted the KSCB mission
- Involved students, parents and teachers
- Created activities that are feasible and likely to succeed
- Acted a pilot program for other schools
- Generated positive publicity

“It is exciting to see how involved students are about promoting a cleaner environment, especially at the elementary school grade level,” said Sandra Washington, Keep Sarasota County Beautiful manager. “The participation of parents and teachers helps teach children about litter and its impact on our community.”

For more information about the Trash Dude, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask for Keep Sarasota County Beautiful.

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