Yulee schoolkids learn to be ‘Waterwise’

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Yulee Elementary School recently partnered with the Nassau County Extension Service to teach 800 students about water conservation.

"Waterwise: The Importance of Water," teaches students about water conservation. The Waterwise programming is part of the science, citizenship and healthy living program areas.

Students from Mrs. Turner’s third-grade class at Yulee Elementary School were introduced to the Waterwise program, “Waterwise: The Importance of Water,” conducted by Nassau County Master Gardeners.

Principal Scott Hodges said, “Water conservation is important to our quality of life and a subject in our science curriculum. Our third graders are just beginning to study the hydrologic cycle, so this is pertinent timing for the Waterwise program.”

Nassau County Master Gardeners Janet Barnes and Kay Stephens began a student gardening club, the Chrysalis Club, in 2012.

Students planted a bed of perennial flowers and have since added a veggie garden to their activities.

In November, Master Gardeners installed two rain barrels to the school’s garden club. The barrels were made possible by a collaboration between Keep Jacksonville Beautiful, Inc., and the Duval and Nassau Extension office.

Yulee Elementary School’s garden club expanded to a schoolwide effort. For more information on Nassau County Extension program, see Nassau.ifas.ufl.edu or call the Extension programs office at (904) 879-1019.

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