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SFWMD Celebrates National Environmental Education Week at Pine Jog Elementary School

Water conservation theme raises awareness for students

WHAT: The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), a partner in

National Environmental Education Week, will present a water

conservation program to 3rd and 4th graders at Pine Jog Elementary School

in West Palm Beach.

National Environmental Education Week is the nation's largest organized environmental education event. Held each April, the effort engages students and educators in an inspired week of environmental learning and service before Earth Day, on April 22. This year's theme, *Be Water Wise!*, is well matched to Water Conservation Month in April. The media

is welcome.

WHEN: Thursday, April 9, 2009

TIME: 9 a.m.

WHERE: Pine Jog Elementary School

6315 Summit Blvd.

West Palm Beach, Fl., 33415

Water Conservation Month serves as a time to increase awareness of wise water use, especially with predictions that current drought conditions will continue. The SFWMD is asking residents and businesses to conserve water and follow landscape irrigation restrictions to stretch and protect the public supply. More information about limits by area is available on the District's <u>water restrictions</u> Web site. For water saving tips, visit <u>www.savewaterfl.com</u>.

About the South Florida Water Management District -- Celebrating 60 Years (1949-2009)

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.