Klorane Botanical Foundation + KidsGardening Announce Citizens of the World Charter School Winner of Budding Botanist Grant

Celebratory Award Event To Take Place Wednesday, May 23, 2018

May 17, 2018 / PRZen / KANSAS CITY, Mo. -- Dedicated to supporting global initiatives to protect the plant universe and biodiversity, the Klorane Botanical Foundation, Klorane's corporate foundation, and national non-profit KidsGardening, leader in the school gardening movement, are proud to announce Citizens of the World Charter School as a winner of the inaugural Budding Botanist Grant. The Grant helps our youngest citizens value their environment, explore the plant world, and inspires them to take care of the life they discover in their local ecosystems.

One of six winning schools across the country, Citizens of the World Charter School has been awarded a Budding Botanist Grant package valued at $3000 in cash and supplies to provide resources for creating important learning gardens with their students. The school was selected for its commitment to teaching environmental sustainability and biodiversity, and will utilize the Budding Botanist Grant to support their new Native Pollinator Garden, which will serve as an education tool for their students and a model for the community. They also plan to build a Monarch Waystation and worm compost stations to teach students the value of adopting sustainable practices.

According to Sara Murphy, Citizens of the World Charter School Special Education Process Coordinator, "We emphasize the importance of respecting the body and its connection to the environment. This means guiding students to consider not only what they eat, but also what they do, and how they treat others and the world around them."

On Wednesday, May 23, the Klorane Botanical Foundation and KidsGardening will help host an award ceremony and garden project at the school in celebration of receiving the Budding Botanist Grant, and to raise awareness around the impact of teaching children to protect nature through growing, caring for and living with plants.

- Date: Wednesday, May 23
- Time: 1 PM – 1:30 PM Welcome & School Garden Tour / 1:30 PM – 3 PM Award Ceremony & Garden Project
• Address: Citizens of the World Charter School, 3435 Broadway Blvd., Kansas City, MO, 816.499.8000

If you’re interested in attending or for more information, please contact Citizens of the World Charter School at 816.499.8000 or one of the following KidsGardening team members:

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