

**PRESS RELEASE - For Immediate Release - January 11, 2011**

The Montessori Children's School of Key West has been accepted into the Pepsi Refresh grant contest for a chance to win \$50,000 and needs your votes!

The Pepsi Refresh Project awards \$1,300,000 each month to fund great ideas that will have a positive impact on communities around the nation. The Montessori Children's School of Key West is the only organization in the Keys in the running this month and is reaching out to the community for help with this endeavor. Only the top 10 ideas receive funding!

Visit <http://www.refresheverything.com/helpmontessorichildrenschoolkeywest> to vote. You can vote once per day per e-mail address so several members of your household can vote. You can also vote with your cell phone by texting 105393 to PEPSI (73774) - Standard text messaging rates apply. Vote EVERYDAY until January 31<sup>st</sup>, it only takes a minute and could make a difference in the life of children living in the Keys. Tell your friends and family, tell your coworkers and vote with every email address you have!

If awarded, the school will use this funding to build an outdoor classroom and a working garden for the children. This will have a great impact on the education of the 90+ children enrolled at the school each year.

The Montessori Children's School of Key West founded in 1972 is a non-profit, parent-based corporation serving children ages two through kindergarten located at 1221 Varela Street in Key West. For more information please contact Kim Livingston, Head of School: (305) 294-5302.

See enclosed picture of the children learning about organic gardening.

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