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Student buoy project keeps Beaufort River data collection afloat

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While their classmates begin their weekends, five Beaufort High School students volunteer most Friday afternoons to collect data from the Beaufort River.

Led by chemistry teacher Kinsler Mack, the group claims to be the first Basic Observation Buoy Club in the United States.

“It’s fun,” said student Brittany Baker. “We’re monitoring the changes in our environment.”

The club began last year after Mack attended a conference and received the instruments and equipment needed to build a buoy – worth about $1,200 – from the Centers for Ocean Science Education Excellence, an organization that encourages collaboration between scientists and college and high school educators.

The organization wanted to experiment with using the buoys to gather data in inner coastal areas. It allowed Beaufort High to pioneer the project at the high school level, Mack said.

Coming soon to the web.

Chemistry teacher Kinsler Black said the data collected by members of the Basic Observation Buoy Club on the Beaufort River soon will be available online for other researchers and interested residents. Details: Kinsler Mack@beaufort.k12.sc.us.
Going green
Area schools launch environmental education initiatives

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Local schools are doing a lot this year to minimize their carbon footprints and teach students to do the same, hoping to leave a lasting effect on the Earth and on the lives of the children they serve. Here is what’s happening at a few area schools making an effort to “go green.”

RECYCLE-READY

In addition to recycling plastic, paper and aluminum cans, Broad River Elementary School in Beaufort is trying to minimize the school’s use of paper. Instead of using paper to print newsletters, the school will e-mail them to parents this year. The school also is taking advantage of its computer network by putting large documents, such as a school handbook and literacy plan, in a shared folder on the network instead of making copies for teachers. Principal Constance Goodwine-

Pitch in to ‘go green’
BOB in High School - The Players:

- **Beaufort BOB**
  - Kinsler Mack, Chemistry Teacher, Beaufort High
  - Harley Martin and Jason Walker (Students)

- **Hilton Head BOB (H₂BOB)**
  - Partnership between Hilton Head Prep, Kennesaw State University and the Coastal Discovery Museum
    - Angela Taylor, Science Teacher, Hilton Head Preparatory School
    - Bruce Taylor
    - Crystal Fialkowski (Student)
    - Lisa G. Adams (Kennesaw State University)