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Teachers honored for environmental work

They lead E-Club at South Lebanon Elementary.

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KINDS SMALLS The Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District recently recognized two educators that excel in natural resource education.

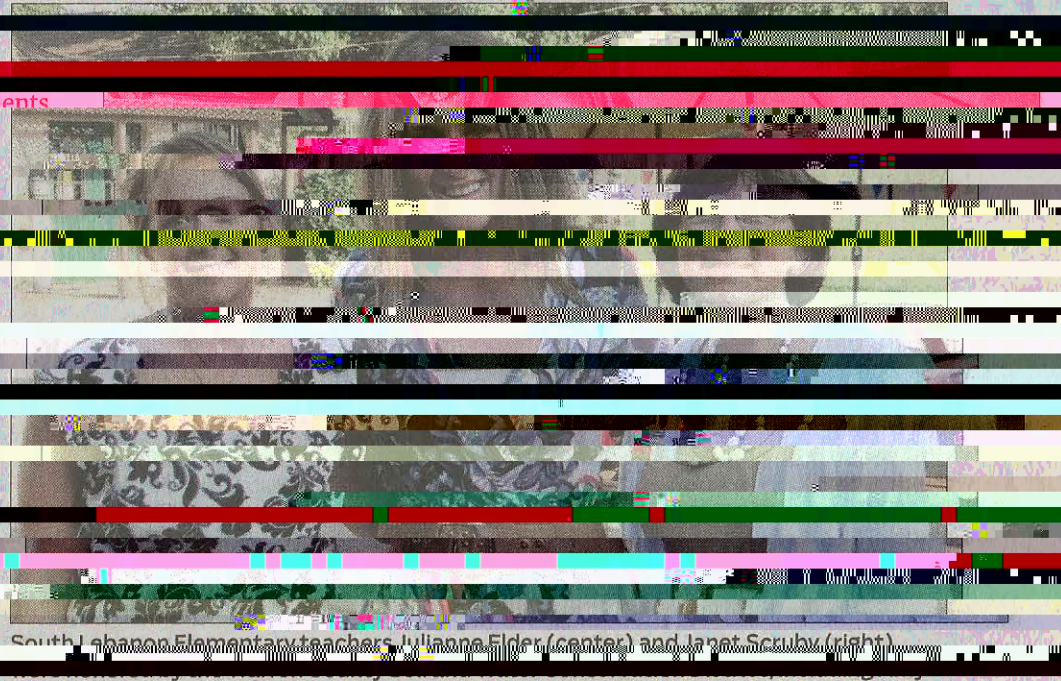
The district honored Janet Scruby and Julianne Elder from South Lebanon Elementary for their role in sustaining an environmental science club, E-Club, in which students learn about recycling, gardening, protecting water quality and environmental issues.

program was developed 18 years ago by a teacher who has now retired from the school district. The E-club students oversee a recycling program, school gardens and the annual cleanup fair that showcases sustainable businesses in Warren County.

Scruby and Elder have developed a successful building-wide behavioral program that gets students excited about gardening. Students that meet behavior goals will get sponges and pencils as rewards. The pencils are used as erasers, the top of the

tomatoes, flowers and herbs that germinate when planted under them. Students are excited to plant their sustainable pencils.

In their own words, both Scruby and Elder encourage their students to live by the standards we follow for environmental stewardship and hope that they are able to lead the rest of the South Lebanon Elementary with their wonderful example. As environmental stewards, we want to be actively engaged and promote an awareness of our surrounding environment and how our choices affect our ecosystems."



South Lebanon Elementary teachers Julianne Elder (center) and Janet Scruby (right)

Pond (left), education and marketing specialist for the district. CONTRIBUTED