

The OrganWise Program

Through the leadership of BabySteps, the Okolona Elementary School kindergarten teachers and local Early Childcare Centers have been implementing the OrganWise program in their classrooms since August 2007. The OrganWise is an innovative, evaluated and award-winning classroom tool designed to motivate positive behavior change in children of all ages. The *goal of the program is to educate the children on being healthy, good nutrition, exercise and taking care of their bodies.*

Children in the program meet twice each month. The curriculum consists of math, art, language and reading activities that revolve around a healthy lifestyle. Through this project, the Food Service Department, curriculum supervisors, teachers, community members and vendors have coordinated efforts to support the academics by integrating healthy choice information, nutrition and physical activity in to the school. Parents have noticed that their children are eating more fruits and vegetables.

A total of 138 pre-school children are served by the OrganWise Program. Teachers are trained by the founder of the OrganWise Program, Michelle Lambardo.

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