



**Building Community**

## **Primrose Schools**

### ***Enhances Learning Environment and Operational Efficiency Through JEA's Business Rebates Program***

Primrose Schools are early childhood education centers dedicated to nurturing curiosity and laying the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. Their locations are committed to providing not only a great educational experience but also operating efficiently to support their mission, including the Primrose School of Julington Creek and Primrose at St. Johns Forest.

Looking for cost savings, the leadership team at Primrose Schools discovered JEA's Business Rebates Program. With energy efficiency in mind, the schools decided to upgrade their fluorescent lighting to energy-saving LED fixtures.

**“We’re always looking to see how we can save on operational costs without jeopardizing the educational program,” said Ed Guevara, school owner. “Participating in the rebate program just made sense. It helped support our goals and ease the financial side of making energy-efficient improvements.”**

### **A Smooth Experience**

Ed worked closely with JEA and Senior Account Manager Tyler from JEA's authorized contractor, ICF, throughout the process. From the initial application to installation and rebate reimbursement, he described the experience as positive. “Mr. Tyler was always informative and helpful throughout the process,” he said.

### **Project Results**

The project involved replacing outdated fluorescent lighting with energy-efficient LED fixtures. As a result, the Primrose School of Julington Creek saved **29,274 kWh** annually and received a rebate of **\$1,473**, while Primrose at St. Johns Forest saved **11,017 kWh** with a **\$554** rebate.



Staff and families at both schools immediately noticed the improvements. “The place looks better and brighter,” Ed shared. “That kind of feedback is important in an environment focused on learning and child development.”

Primrose Schools experienced a meaningful reduction of approximately **\$200 out of \$1,500** in electric bills and considers the upgrades to be a valuable move toward enhanced energy efficiency.

## Looking Ahead

With a mission centered on excellence in education and community trust, Primrose Schools remain focused on improving their facilities in cost-effective and sustainable ways. Their recent participation in the JEA Business Rebates Program is just one of many efforts to align operational practices with long-term goals.

“Overall, it was a good and easy experience,” Ed said. “If you’re on the fence about participating, don’t be. Just do the math and make the smart move.”

## Making a Big Impact: Environmental Impact of Primrose Schools’ Energy Efficiency Improvements

### Primrose School of Julington Creek



**931,365 smartphones** charged



**1,296 gallons** of gasoline consumed



**4.1 tons** of waste recycled instead of landfilled

### Primrose at St. Johns Forest



**4,816 pounds** of coal burned



**3.8 electric-powered passenger vehicles** driven for one year



**369 trash bags** of waste recycled instead of landfilled



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## Equipment Upgrades & Savings

### Primrose School of Julington Creek

Equipment Installed: Lighting  
Total Rebate Amount: **\$1,473.12**  
Annual Energy Savings: **29,274 kWh**

### Primrose at St. Johns Forest

Equipment Installed: Lighting  
Total Rebate Amount: **\$554.40**  
Annual Energy Savings: **11,017 kWh**

