FORT WORTH COUNTRY DAY PARTNERS WITH COWBOY COMPOST TO IMPLEMENT SCHOOL’S FIRST-EVER COMPOSTING PROGRAM

*Fort Worth Country Day is the first school in North Texas to implement a long-term composting program*

FORT WORTH, Texas (October 18, 2017) — Fort Worth Country Day, the oldest college preparatory school in Fort Worth, has partnered with Fort Worth-based Cowboy Compost to implement an ongoing, long-term composting program at the school. On October 2, Cowboy Compost founder Miguel Harth-Bedoya hosted a kickoff event to educate Fort Worth Country Day students on the benefits of composting.

“We are thrilled with this opportunity to partner with Cowboy Compost,” said Eric Lombardi, head of school at Fort Worth Country Day. “This new composting program will further mold our students into responsible citizens who serve others and their community. It’s always wonderful when we find new and innovative ways to raise awareness about important issues such as waste, and develop solutions that improve our campus and the greater Fort Worth community.”

The partnership with Cowboy Compost involves students K-12 responsibly placing their lunch trash in the appropriate container. In Fort Worth Country Day’s Fischer Dining Pavilion, there are receptacles for food waste, bins for recycling, and containers for trash. After the food waste is collected, Cowboy Compost takes it to a compost center where it is made into rich soil. Though some of the soil is returned to Fort Worth Country Day, most of it is distributed throughout Fort Worth. More than 2,100 pounds of food waste was collected during the pilot week of the program.

“I started composting because I didn’t want my children living in a city where we are not aware of our actions,” said Miguel Harth-Bedoya, founder of Cowboy Compost. “We are here at Fort Worth Country Day to share and practice this system of composting, and to ensure our food scraps do not go to waste.”

Established in 2016 by Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra music director Miguel Harth-Bedoya and entrepreneur Johanna Calderón, Cowboy Compost works with organizations and businesses to raise awareness about organic waste challenges and provide composting services previously unavailable in Fort Worth. Cowboy Compost delivers food waste to local professional composting facilities so that this organic waste will help create nutrient-rich soil.

ABOUT FORT WORTH COUNTRY DAY

Since 1963, Fort Worth Country Day has inspired the passion to learn, the courage to lead, and the commitment to serve through a program that fosters the intellectual, physical, emotional and ethical development of its students. Situated on 100 acres in southwest Fort Worth, Fort Worth Country Day’s 220 faculty/staff members lead and teach grades K-12. Offering a comprehensive college-preparatory curriculum, Fort Worth Country Day focuses on the 3A’s—academics, arts and athletics—to bring balance to students’ experiences, provide opportunities to explore multiple interests, and thrive in a compassionate community. To learn more about Fort Worth Country Day, visit [www.fwcd.org](http://www.fwcd.org) or [www.Facebook.com/FortWorthCountryDay](http://www.Facebook.com/FortWorthCountryDay).

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