

Exciting news for the KWHHS Biodiesel Program!

Breaking news coming to you straight from the news-makers themselves; **US!**



Taken from their website,
the *Yankee Freedom II* was
on the cover of the EPA's
(*Environmental Protection Agency*)
magazine.

The *Yankee Freedom II* is the fastest, largest and newest state-of-the-art vessel that takes passengers from Key West to Fort Jefferson Dry Tortugas National Park. With the help of our Key West High School Biodiesel program, we assisted the ferry in its competition to be named the National Park Service's Official Key West Ferry to the Dry Tortugas. Because of the damage boats are causing to our reefs and especially to the Dry Tortugas, it was decided that only one boat was allowed to transfer visitors out to the islands. The NPS issued a prospectus soliciting proposals for this contract in May 2008 and received four proposals. The proposals were analyzed by a panel of NPS concession specialists and industry subject matter experts. The panel operated under the provisions of the 1998 National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act, and applied the selection factors described in detail in the prospectus. Yankee Roamer VIII, L.L.C.'s proposal was selected by the panel as the "best proposal." (Credit to <http://www.yankeefreedom.com/dry-tortugas-official-ferry.htm> for official information)

We are so proud to have been a part of such a big deal in our community and we have some great news for our very own classroom. Because of our help and support, they are donating \$20,000 to our program! The class was pleased to help them without any reward, but we are so grateful for their generous donation! There will be a "big check" ceremony for us in the coming weeks, where we will be presented the money as a class. We are so excited and we will be sure to post pictures!

If you'd like to read more about the *Yankee Freedom II* and their unique ferry, check out their website at

<http://www.yankeefreedom.com/>