

2007-2008 Green Team Prize Winners and Their Projects

Northeastern Massachusetts

Amesbury

Amesbury Elementary School

Bruce McBrien's fourth grade students have helped in the success of their school wide recycling program by being role models for their peers. They encourage recycling as a way of life. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Andover

High Plain Elementary School

Susan Powers' fourth and fifth grade Earth Watch students spent much of the school year actively participating in activities to help their environment. By burying items commonly found in classroom wastebaskets, then digging them up a year later, the students learned if their predictions were correct and the effects of garbage and landfills. In addition, the students fundraised, conducted a lesson on CFL bulbs, pledged to participate in Earth hour and spent many hours preparing for their annual Earth Watch Week, which acknowledges the work that its members do. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a Green Team grand prize.

Boston

Boston Latin Academy, Dorchester

Genevieve Chorhummel's eighth through twelfth grade students helped collect and recycle over seven tons of paper from October 2007 to March 2008. In addition to recycling, they sold CFL bulbs to school staff and the community and learned about the importance of purchasing local produce and food by calculating the energy needed to transport food from different distances. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and miniature recycling bin planters as a Green Team grand prize.

Charlestown High School

Karen Prussing's high school students promoted helping the environment by making signs and posters that informed of ways to save energy and recycle. In addition, they planted trees and shrubs on the school's grounds. Karen says, "It made them better stewards of their environment. Many had never worked with soil or growing things. The recycling at school helped inform their families about the importance of recycling." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and miniature recycling bin planters as a Green Team grand prize.

Codman Academy Charter School, Dorchester

Carrie-Ann Sherwood's tenth grade students spent time during the school year learning about energy. They visited "green" buildings around Boston and interviewed the staff to see what energy is currently being utilized, created an energy survey that was distributed to the whole school and hosted an Energy Fair for their community. Carrie-Ann says, "By learning about the science behind many energy-related topics we will be able to change our own behavior and educate others enough to hopefully change their behavior as well." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and household product management information wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Excel High School, South Boston

Cara Fenner's tenth grade students took the Green Team Pledge and posted signs and posters to promote recycling. In addition, they set up a classroom compost bin. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and composting information wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Health Careers Academy, Boston

Angela Cappucci's ninth through eleventh grade students helped make the school's recycling program so successful that they expanded it to include cans,



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glass and plastic bottles this year. They collectively managed to recycle more than 3,000 pounds of cardboard and paper and over 400 cans and bottles. "The Recycling Program at our school has become a part of our curriculum," Angela reported. "Many students began recycling more at home, too, making a big effort to put into action what they were doing at school." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

John D. Philbrick School, Roslindale

Kaye Stroshine's first through third grade students worked with Erica Quimby from the Boston Nature Center on composting in their classroom. Each student kept a journal of his or her activities. They observed the change in their worm compost bin as well as the seasonal changes in plants around their school grounds. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a Green Team grand prize.

St. Mary Star of the Sea School, East Boston

Stacy Director's fifth grade students used the Green Team's Climate Change Scorecard to examine their daily habits, and then analyzed the results. They also initiated three Waste Free Lunch Days for their school population. Stacy reports, "They were able to see what they are doing for the environment and were amazed at the positive things they were already doing and how much more they can do!" The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a concert by Earthtunes as a Green Team grand prize.

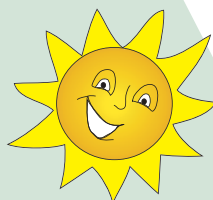
Chelsea

Clark Avenue Middle School

Julie Sampson's fifth and sixth grade students shared their knowledge of reducing and reusing by talking at home with their parents about what they were learning. They became more conscious of the products they use and the waste that occurs. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and household product management information wheels as a Green Team grand prize.



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Danvers

Holten Richmond Middle School

John Hodson's sixth grade students spread the word about recycling throughout their community by creating a town calendar featuring student posters. They also greenscaped their school grounds and provided information to the community about plants that require little water. John reports, "This will hopefully lead to a lifelong stewardship of the environment." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a Green Team grand prize.

Framingham

Barbieri Elementary School

Paula Del Prete's kindergarten through fifth grade students participated in many Green Team activities this school year. They did the Slash Trash lesson, took the Green Team Pledge and the Idling Reduction Pledge, created posters to put around the school and researched energy-efficient vehicles. Paula says, "The children are becoming more vigilant about being "green." They question adults in the building when they are not recycling. A whole new attitude is emerging amongst the staff and parents." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a Green Team grand prize.

Georgetown

Penn Brook School

Mia Giannone's fifth grade students actively participated in their school's recycling program by working as a team to collect the school's paper for recycling. They presented a skit about recycling to their school and created signs and posters. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Lowell

Dr. Gertrude M. Bailey Elementary School

Marianne Stern's kindergarten and fourth grade student teams initiated a school wide recycling program. They created posters to promote a successful program throughout the school. Marianne reports, "We

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are just getting started but have high hopes for a sustainable program." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a Green Team grand prize.

Katherine Stoklosa Middle School

Priscille LeBlanc's seventh grade students helped run their school's recycling program and observed less trash in the wastepaper baskets and more items going into the recycling bin. "Students are being more careful about throwing away paper that is still usable and reminding each other to recycle," reported Priscille. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and recycling information wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Lowell Catholic High School

Peter Francini's high school students did their part to educate their schoolmates about the importance of recycling. They created signs and posters and wrote letters. Peter said, "Basically, these activities have really opened their eyes to recycling and its benefits in general. Calculating the carbon footprint was the most fun and the kids truly learned a lot about how much waste they produce each year." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and household product management information wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Lynn

KIPP Academy

Breannan O'Huiggins' fifth through eighth grade students doubled the amount of paper recycled since September, which is now 540 gallons of paper every two weeks. His students also took the Green Team Pledge and set up a compost bin. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Lynn Vocational Technical Institute

Frances Crowley's Life Skills students supported their school wide recycling program by collecting the recyclable paper from bins in the offices and classrooms throughout the building. They also learned the importance of using low-energy light bulbs to con-

serve energy. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and miniature recycling bin planters as a Green Team grand prize.

Malden

Salemwood School

Following the lead of third grade teacher Matthew Sweeney, the students at Salemwood School participated in many Green Team activities. Teachers Beth Massey, Meghann McCarthy, Kate Milton, Eleanor Parrotta, Lisa Pastore, Lisa Serio and Matt Sweeney helped their students become more aware of the school recycling program and taught them to be aware of waste and how it affects the planet. Students made posters to encourage recycling, calculated water usage, discussed ways to reduce consumption, and measured their carbon footprint. Matthew reports, "They are really carrying over the information to their homes as well. They tell me about all the new things they are recycling at home." Five of the participating classes received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles," one class achieved the second highest level, "Conservation Coyotes," and one class achieved the first level, "Planet Protectors." The students received waste reduction bookmarks, miniature recycling bin planters and pencils made from recycled denim or currency as Green Team prizes.

Melrose

Lincoln Elementary School

Susan McBrine's third grade students helped make their school wide recycling program a success and expanded it this year to include batteries and ink cartridges. In addition, they participated in a trash free snack day and made posters about uses for old jelly jars. The group continued working on projects throughout the school year including art projects, the Idling Reduction Pledge and creating Safe Routes to Schools. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a concert by Earthtunes as a Green Team grand prize.

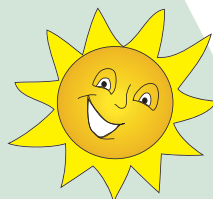
Merrimac

Helen R. Donaghue School

Susan Simmons' fourth grade students enthusiastically



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ly formed their own *Green Team Club*. They met once a month after school to work on green projects, including a holiday display that showed ways to wrap gifts without paper, ribbon or tape. They were so successful that the local newspaper wrote an article about their achievement. Susan says, "Our activities have developed an awareness of the importance of being proactive in protecting our environment. I think it has shown them how just one student, one class can make a difference in our community." The students received the highest level *Certificate of Recognition* as "Environmental Eagles" and a performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a *Green Team* grand prize.

Needham

Pollard Middle School

Chuck Dowe's sixth through eighth grade students helped with their school's recycling program and worked with other schools on a district-wide *Idle-Free Zone* program. They also worked on a school-wide composting program. The students received the highest level *Certificate of Recognition* as "Environmental Eagles" and composting information wheels as a *Green Team* grand prize.

Newburyport

Rupert A. Nock Middle School

Eriko Antos' sixth grade students participated in both the *Green Team Pledge* and the *Idling Reduction Pledge* this school year. The students received the second highest level *Certificate of Recognition* as "Conservation Coyotes" and waste reduction book-marks as a *Green Team* prize.

Peabody

Captain Samuel Brown School

Diane Bugler's fifth grade students recycled redeemable bottles and cans in their classroom and worked to get a school paper recycling program started. In addition, students raised money to help preserve a rain forest. Diane reported, "This 5th grade class is very aware of energy use and very active about recycling. We have tried to instill in our students that they are the guardians of the environment and through their own actions they can accomplish a lot." The students received the highest level

Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a *Green Team* grand prize.

Saugus

Belmonte Middle School

Kimberly Politano's seventh and eighth grade students helped increase recycling awareness at their school by making and hanging posters around the school for encouragement. Their posters can also be found at the *Town of Saugus' Recycling Department*. Kimberly says, "The students, their families and the community have become more knowledgeable about reducing, reusing and recycling." The students received the highest level *Certificate of Recognition* as "Environmental Eagles" and pencils made from recycled denim or currency as a *Green Team* prize.

Sudbury

Willow Hill School

Carol Holley and Erin Manna's students helped promote recycling in their school. With only 58 students in the school, they still managed to recycle 15 pounds of paper a week. Erin reports, "The students have a sense of pride in what they are doing for the school. They are able to see the change they are making and are proud of their efforts. The students also work together more to remind others about the importance of recycling." The students received the highest level *Certificate of Recognition* as "Environmental Eagles" and recycling information wheels as a *Green Team* grand prize.

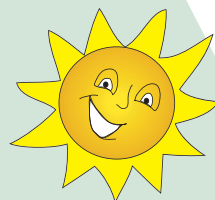
Tyngsboro

Greater Lowell Technical High School

Deb Gustafson's eleventh and twelfth grade students have become very aware of the outdoor areas around them. They spent time monitoring their water quality, did the *Slash Trash* lesson and helped with their school recycling program. Deb says, "Students are more aware of outdoor areas in the state, and they see the effects of trash left behind. It has heightened their awareness." The students received the highest level *Certificate of Recognition* as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a *Green Team* grand prize.



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West Newbury

Dr. John C. Page Elementary School

Alison Jones' third through sixth grade students participated in many Green Team activities this school year. They accomplished the Slash Trash lesson plan, wrote letters, made signs and posters and will be holding an Electronics Recycling Fundraiser in May. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Wilmington

Wilmington High School

Terresa Pietro's high school students organized their school's first Earth Week to promote recycling. Events included a poster contest and tree planting ceremony. The students continued working on their school recycling program and expanded it to include bottles. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and recycling information wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Winchester

McCall Middle School

Ellie Stroud's sixth through eighth grade students started their own Green Team club and have recycled over 1200 plastic bottles since November. The club collected, cleaned and crushed all of the recycled bottles. Ellie reported, "This is a monumental effort that our students have taken on and we are very proud of all their hard work." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Southeastern Massachusetts

Barnstable

Barnstable Middle School

Theresa Brosnan's seventh grade students took the Green Team Pledge and helped with their school wide recycling program. In addition, they did the Slash Trash lesson and set up a classroom worm bin. Theresa said, "They felt it made them more aware of the environment and want to do more with global

warming." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Canton

Dean S. Luce Elementary School

Denise Cassidy's and Bridget Wade's fifth and first grade "reading buddy" students worked together to reinforce and expand their recycling efforts. They cut back on the amount of unwanted catalogs delivered to their school by calling the company and requesting to be removed from the mailing list. They expanded the recycling program to include plastic bottles. By making signs and posters they educated the school community about using fewer bottles. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a concert by Earthtunes as a Green Team grand prize.

Duxbury

Alden School

Laura Geigle's fourth grade students learned about the value of our natural resources and recycling. They researched efforts to save the Amazon Rainforest, used the Scholastic "Read Books to Save the Rainforest" program, created posters and recycled paper. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

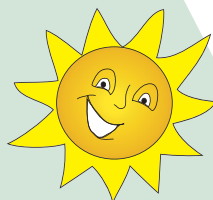
Eastham

Eastham Elementary School

Maggie Brown's fifth grade students encouraged their schoolmates to use the school's recycling program by posting signs around the school and collected 1,000 lbs of paper, magazines, cardboard and plastic for recycling. They also wrote about energy conservation in the school newspaper, designed energy experiments for the school science fair and read 100 books for Scholastic's "Read Books to Save the Rainforest" program. Maggie said, "They have an awareness of how items are packaged and how much overpackaging is used. They are also aware of recycling and every scrap of paper always makes it to the recycled bin.



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We are trying to make others aware of reducing the amount we use and reusing materials as well." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and recycling information wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Fairhaven

Elizabeth I. Hastings Middle School

Heidi Baker's eighth grade students distributed recycle bins around the school and encouraged everyone to recycle paper. They read an environmental quote of the day, grew edible plants in their classroom, plan to start a compost bin and do a renewable energy unit. The students "became more aware of how much energy can be saved from recycling. They also learned about being proactive in their community and what is recyclable," reported Ms. Baker. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Falmouth

Mullen Hall Elementary

Christine Nicholson's third grade students took the Green Team Pledge and created signs and posters to promote recycling. The students received the second highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Conservation Coyotes" and "Compost Matters" coloring books as a Green Team grand prize.

Harwich

Harwich Elementary School

Christine Twombly's second grade students learned about recycling and composting. They set up a classroom recycling program for plastic and a worm composting bin. The students "were amazed by how much the worms can eat, and they check the bottom of all their plastic containers to see if they can be recycled," reported Christine. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Compost Matters" coloring books as a Green Team grand prize.

Hingham

Hingham Middle School

Betsy Walker's sixth grade students helped initiate a school wide recycling program. They assisted in bringing

recycled paper to the school's recycling center. Betsy said, "Their awareness of throwing away items that can be reduced, reused or recycled has been heightened." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and waste reduction bookmarks for every student as a Green Team prize.

William L. Foster Elementary School

Betsy Connolly's first through fifth grade students learned about being green by participating in many Green Team activities. They took the Green Team Pledge, did the Slash Trash lesson, created posters to encourage recycling and had Hingham Light Company do an energy presentation. Betsy reported, "Global awareness is a component of our School Improvement Plans every year." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and pencils made from recycled denim or currency as a Green Team prize.

Lakeville

George R. Austin Intermediate School

Beth McNamara's fourth and fifth grade students in the Ecology Club helped clean their school grounds by doing a trash pick-up. In addition, they planted seedlings, created recycled material sculptures that were displayed in the school lobby, and made bird feeders from natural items that were hung in the courtyard. They participated in the town's Green Fair to help make people aware of threatened and endangered turtles of Massachusetts. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and miniature recycling bin planters as a Green Team grand prize.

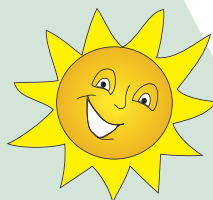
Marshfield

Eames Way Elementary School

Kathleen Valenti's kindergarten students helped educate their schoolmates about recycling. They did the Slash Trash lesson and created signs to post around the school encouraging everyone to recycle. Kathleen reported, "We all became more aware of recycling! It's important to start young and my kindergarteners really enjoyed learning more and encouraged their families to learn and do more, too." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition



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as "Environmental Eagles" and "Compost Matters" coloring books as a Green Team grand prize.

Mattapoisett

Old Rochester Regional Junior High School

Jan Baker's eighth grade students started a program at their school to reuse one-sided paper. They went to each classroom and collected any paper that could be used on the other side. Jan said her class benefited by, "increasing awareness of the importance of recycling and reducing trash at school and at home. More students have become involved this year as we expanded our program to include 7th grade." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

New Bedford

Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical High School

Christopher Pires' and Lawrence Carlesi's Environmental Science and Technology students used many of the Green Team activities to learn about the environment. They did the Slash Trash lesson, took the Idling Reduction Pledge and started a recycling program. Christopher said, "We now realize the need for someone (or group) to take action to encourage positive change." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and household product management information wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Norton

L. G. Nourse Elementary School

Nancy Grant's pre-kindergarten through third grade students encouraged their schoolmates to take part in many Green Team activities. They created signs for the school to encourage recycling, helped protect a rain forest, set up a worm bin in the classroom and created a bird watching area in the school library. Nancy reported, "Students have become more aware and involved in earth friendly activities." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a Green Team grand prize.

Norton High School

Paula Beisheim's eleventh and twelfth grade students created a paper recycling program; they helped collect the paper every week, and will be adding beverage containers to the program in May. Paula said, "We have been talking about energy reduction and waste reduction in class all year. Students are making good choices in terms of their energy use. Recycling has become part of the school culture. Our school throws out less trash every week. Students are also recycling more at home." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and information wheels on household product management, recycling and composting as a Green Team grand prize.

Orleans

Orleans Elementary School

Sue Daigle's fifth grade students recycled paper for the entire school and set up a classroom worm bin. They had a speaker come into the class to discuss the water quality of ponds in Orleans, wrote articles, and made posters to share their knowledge. Sue reported, "The children developed an awareness of environmental issues and really felt a sense of pride that they were able to make a difference." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and composting information wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Pembroke

Pembroke Community Middle School

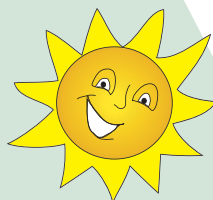
Camille Connick's seventh and eighth grade students collected paper from over 50 classrooms for recycling. They recycled over seven tons of paper since September. In addition, the students set up a leaf composting bin in the school courtyard, which they will monitor and document. Camille's students pledged to make their school an Idle Free Zone in 2008-09. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and composting information wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Pembroke High School

Karyn Townsend's high school students took the Green Team pledge, created signs to hang up around



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the school and set up a compost bin. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Plymouth

Hedge Elementary School

Nancy Drummey's first through fifth grade Green Team students helped recycle mixed paper and cardboard for their school recycling program. "Our Green Team is enthusiastic about their jobs and they work daily to remind their peers about recycling," Nancy reported. "The Green Team members know exactly what belongs (and does not belong) in the recycle basket. This means they also check the regular waste basket and pull out recyclables-and scold their peers or teachers!" The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a concert by Earthtunes as a Green Team grand prize.

Plymouth Community Intermediate School

Warren Phillips' sixth through eighth grade students expanded their school recycling program to include plastics this year. They produced several original public service announcements that encourage recycling. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Plymouth South Middle School

Warren Phillips' fifth through eighth grade students spread the word about recycling to their community through several cable TV programs. Their school recycling program was entirely student run. Every Friday the students collected all the paper and plastic for the entire school. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a Green Team grand prize.

Scituate

Gates Intermediate School

Jean Chambers' seventh and eighth grade students

established Phase II of the school's recycling initiative by including plastic, cans, glass and cardboard recycling this school year. Jean said, "The entire school system benefits." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Taunton

Joseph H. Martin Middle School

Joe Prioli's fifth through eighth grade students took turns being on "green patrol." Using charts, clipboards, hardhats and temperature wands, they circulated through the school noting ways to save on lighting, energy and heat. The students even identified places where the school could use some energy-saving repairs! Joe reported, "Students now have a keener awareness of how to monitor energy use and can identify where energy is being wasted." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Taunton High School

David Anderson's high school students worked hard to collect over 3 tons of recyclable paper this school year. They helped introduce a new recycling program that raised awareness in both students and teachers. David said, "They enjoyed working together to make the world a little greener." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

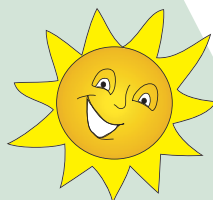
Truro

NEED Collaborative

Eleanor Moody's fifth grade students actively participated in recycling paper, plastic, cardboard and metal at their school. In addition, they composted and reduced their energy use by turning off their classroom lights when not in use. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and Green Team wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.



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Central Massachusetts

Acton

Paul P. Gates, M.D. Elementary School

Kim Ward's kindergarten through sixth grade students expanded their recycling efforts to include beverage bottles in their classroom this year. They published articles in their school newspaper reminding people to recycle and their spring concert included songs about nature and the environment. Kim says, "These activities empower the students to help the environment." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a concert by Earthtunes as a Green Team grand prize.

Ashburnham

John R. Briggs Elementary School

Kate Bennett's fifth grade students learned about soil and decomposition when they started a classroom worm compost bin. The students also expanded their school's recycling program to include plastics as well as paper. The students wrote letters to their food service company requesting that they use less plastic food packaging. Kate says her students "feel they were really doing something positive for the environment when they wrote letters, made posters and collected the recycling at school." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and composting information wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Barre

Ruggles Lane Elementary School

Paul McNiff's sixth grade students helped collect their school's recycling and made posters to encourage other students to bring home their plastic water bottles for recycling. His class is designing electric cars/toys that will be powered with batteries and a solar panel. Paul says, "I hope my students can see into the future and see themselves making better choices than this generation when it comes to taking care of their environment." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Dudley

Shepherd Hill Regional High School

Judy Nawrocki's high school students continue to successfully recycle paper at their school and hope to expand it to include plastics. Their school held its second school site clean up for Earth Day. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Franklin

Remington Middle School

Laura Chiaravalloti's and Keith Turner's sixth grade students created and implemented the "Titans Team Goes Green: Make the Switch" public awareness campaign to educate their peers and the public about how switching to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) saves energy and helps reduce global warming. They researched global warming, promoted the switch to CFLs, the proper way to recycle them and persuaded three local stores to become recycling "drop off points" for CFLs. The Titans Team created a brochure, videos of interviews with town leaders, a TV commercial, newspaper ad and article, radio public service announcement, mural, posters, multi-media presentation and a "Go Green" website. Through the project, the students became empowered and very connected to their community. Students wrote to Al Gore about their environmental concerns and received a personal response. Laura and Keith's students "learned about town government and tremendous amounts of information about global warming and new "green" technologies." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a Green Team grand prize.

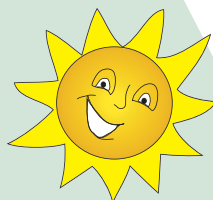
Groton

Groton-Dunstable Middle School

Dorothy Dwyer's fifth through eighth grade students helped initiate a recycling program and worked hard to spread awareness to teachers and students. Through posters and a "recycling fact of the day," the students encouraged each other to recycle. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and recycling



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Hopedale

Hopedale Memorial School

Jane LeClaire's fourth grade students helped expand their school's recycling program to include bottles and cans. They proudly organized a recycling program with Abitibi Paper Retriever and earned a monetary bonus for their school. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and recycling information wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Leicester

Leicester Memorial School

Michele Connor's third through fifth grade students are the "Green Team" leaders at their school and encourage their peers to recycle as much as possible. They gathered recycling boxes from the custodians and placed them where the most scraps of paper are produced to promote their ideas. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and pencils made from recycled denim or currency as a Green Team prize.

Millbury

Elmwood Street School

Jennifer Kephart's and Amy Zaremba's second and third grade students created recycling signs and posters to encourage their schoolmates to recycle white paper. To encourage the success of their school's recycling program, the students collected and emptied the bins during recess. Jennifer reported, "Both classes benefited by gaining a better understanding of the importance of recycling and keeping the environment clean." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a Green Team grand prize.

Templeton (Baldwinville)

Narragansett Regional High School

Stephanie Kerr's tenth through twelfth grade students have been submitting weekly articles to their local newspaper about the environment and have had six published so far. Her environmental classes spent time planning a school wide Earth Hour event, fundraising and researching how different biomes are

affected by climate change and human interference. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Upton

Memorial Elementary School

Jan Maglione's third grade students worked together as a team to help make their school's recycling program a success and encouraged their classmates to do the same. They also participated in the Idling Reduction pledge and had a Waste Free Lunch Day. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a Green Team grand prize.

Worcester

Worcester Arts Magnet School

Judith Cawley's second grade students took the Green Team pledge and promoted recycling with signs and posters. They helped make their school's recycling program a success by recycling paper. The students received the second highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Conservation Coyotes" and "Compost Matters" coloring books as a Green Team grand prize.

Western Massachusetts

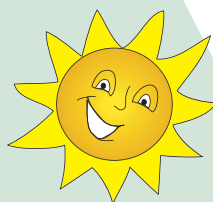
Agawam

Agawam High School

Nancy Bobskill's high school students helped initiate three new recycling initiatives this school year. Bottle and can recycling was added, students emptied classroom recycling bins twice weekly, and locker cleanouts included recycling and reuse. Due to all this recycling, the Town of Agawam collected recyclables twice weekly rather than once a week. Students created signs and posters for the school, wrote an article about properly handling locker clean outs, set up a vermicompost bin in the classroom and made daily "green tips" announcements over the school intercom. Nancy reported, "The class realizes the positive effect they can have by making both individual changes and initiating school wide changes." The stu-



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dents received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and miniature recycling bin planters as a Green Team grand prize.

Agawam Middle School

Tracy DeMaio, the Environmental Project Coordinator for the town of Agawam, spearheaded a project to have all teachers in the Agawam school district enroll in the Green Team. Led by teachers Celeste Basile, Cynthia Campana, Lynn-Ann Goodrow, Teresa Holl, Johanna Masotti, Lisa Nettis, Michelle Reynolds, Giselle Sotolotto and Sara Tryba, the fifth grade students participated in weekly Trash Trivia lessons and did a "Brown Bags Go Green" project. In addition, classes did the Climate Change Scorecard activity, made energy efficient vehicles, helped with the school recycling, and encouraged their families to recycle more. "Students became aware of how slight changes can improve the environment," reported Teresa Holl. Eight classes received the highest level Certificates of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and one class received the second highest level, "Conservation Coyotes." Each class received "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Robinson Park Elementary School

Led by teachers Jill Cannavino and Kelly Cichetti, the second and fourth grade students tried to reduce the amount of paper used in their classroom each day and created a school showcase display entitled "How will you GO GREEN?" to encourage their peers to reduce, reuse and recycle. Jill reported, "Students are more aware of how much they can contribute to saving our environment." "They learned how to be eco-friendly citizens," reported Kelly. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and recycle wheels and "Compost Matters" coloring books as Green Team grand prizes.

East Longmeadow

East Longmeadow High School

Mary Jane McMahon's high school students participated in many green activities to benefit their school this year. They created cards with seeds from recycled homemade paper, raked courtyards and picked up

trash around the grounds, sold bracelets for the rain-forest, made school wide recycling announcements and planted bushes in memory of a deceased classmate. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and miniature recycling bin planters as a Green Team grand prize.

Lenox

Montessori School of the Berkshires

Meagan Ledendecker's PreK to 3rd grade students enthusiastically composted and promoted an idle free atmosphere at their school. "A number of parents told us that their children's interest and enthusiasm about not idling inspired them to turn off their cars rather than leaving them running," reported Meagan. Students also take responsibility for composting food waste during snack and lunch and transport the scraps to their outdoor bin. The class also set up a "Green" fund to raise money for "Green" projects at the school. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Compost Matters" coloring books as a Green Team grand prize.

Longmeadow

Williams Middle School

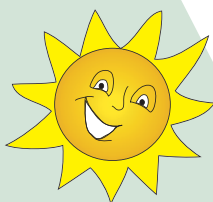
Christine King's sixth grade students researched environmentalists and made games, posters and videos about water and air pollution. In addition, they also painted their own cloth bags to use while shopping. Christine reports, "I really believe that my students understand the big picture." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and recycling information wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Willie Ross School for the Deaf

Dawn Cooke's middle and high school students learned about reducing waste by taking a field trip to the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. They helped collect the paper and cardboard from each classroom and were able to see how much trash was reduced. Dawn says, "Our school definitely benefits from the resources the Green Team provides!" The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wrist-



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bands as a grand prize.

South Hadley

Michael E. Smith Middle School

Kelly Graves' eighth grade students used the Climate Change Scorecard at home for two weeks to record their carbon footprint, and used the same scorecard two months later to record changes. Students made recycling signs and posters to display throughout the school and students visited each homeroom to introduce their peers to the new recycling program. Kelly says, "Students are becoming more enlightened regarding unnecessary waste, climate change and are realizing that their actions do affect the environment and their efforts can help bring change to our school and community." The students plan to plant trees and gardens for the front of the school, and next year they are already planning to build a prototype vehicle. "Our hope is to integrate these programs school-wide next school year," reported Kelly. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

South Hadley High School

Jacob Masenior's ninth grade students continued the school-wide cafeteria food-waste composting program that was started last year. They collaborated with Whole Foods Market to receive funding for this year and next, and joined forces with the Environmental Club, the school's two student environmental interns, and student volunteers. Through these efforts, the students have diverted thousands of pounds of biodegradables and plastics from the landfill. Jacob says, "The entire school has become charged with a newfound environmental awareness." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and composting information wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Springfield

Holy Name School

KatieAnne DeMars' seventh grade students promoted recycling by creating an informational flyer that discusses its benefits, and then they went to classrooms presenting what they had learned. KatieAnne reports, "They were able to see that their actions affect not

only them but also their environment and they learned that little things can go a long way in protecting the earth." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and household product management information wheels as a grand prize.

MacDuffie School

Greg Vennell's sixth through eighth grade students built solar powered cars to enter in the Solar Sprint competition. They held a bake sale to fund a "Green Party," where they raised money to donate trees to the city of Springfield for planting. The students created recycling boxes at the beginning of the school year, and they also collected the paper for recycling throughout the year. Participating in these activities has "increased awareness of environmental issues, increased problem solving abilities, and increased school spirit and pride," reports Greg. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Warwick

Warwick Community School

Jennifer Comiskey's third and fourth grade students continued supporting their school recycling program. They also took the Idle Reduction Pledge and held a waste free lunch day. "We love the Green Team!" said Jennifer. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

West Springfield

St. Thomas the Apostle School

Amanda Nehmer's kindergarten students made Mother's Day Gifts - herb gardens made out of old recycled aluminum cans. Amanda reports, "Children have become much more aware of recycling and actively caring for their environment." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Compost Matters" coloring books as a Green Team grand prize.

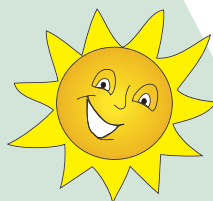
Westfield

North Middle School

Carol Mentos' sixth through eighth grade students



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helped introduce a bottle and can recycling program in the classrooms this year. The children researched recycling statistics, pitched the need for the program to the principal and got it approved. Carol says, "Our worm bins and recycling program have educated our students to the need to reduce trash in landfills. Many of the students have a sense of enthusiasm and awareness for these activities that they never had before." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles", waste reduction bookmarks and pencils made from recycled denim or currency as a Green Team prize.

Wilbraham

Stony Hill Elementary School

Christine Goonan's third grade students participated in the Climate Change Scorecard activity, the Light Bulb Lesson and Energy Reduction Pledge. Christine said, "The activities were integrated across the curriculum with our electricity unit and helped with communications with parents." The students received the second highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Conservation Coyotes" and waste reduction bookmarks as a Green Team prize.

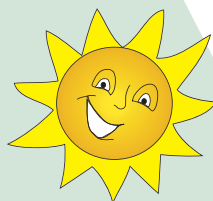
Williamsburg

Helen E. James School

Johanna Korpita's second grade students have continued their composting efforts with a worm bin and gardening projects. Her students took the Green Team Pledge, did the Slash Trash lesson, took the Idling Reduction Pledge, created recycling posters and had a waste free day. "Our school's vision is sustainability, so we are able to use many of our Green Team lessons to educate the entire school body and even the entire community," said Johanna. In addition, they participated in Earth Hour, purchased land in the rainforest through the Scholastic program, recycled glue bottles with Elmer's Glue and Wal-Mart, and raised salmon that were then released in a nearby stream. Johanna says, "The students are so aware-one child recently reported that her folks bought a hybrid car and all the other 7 year olds were quite impressed." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and miniature recycling bin planters as a Green Team grand prize.



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