

2006-2007 Green Team Grand Prize Winners and Their Projects

Northeastern Massachusetts

Andover

High Plain Elementary School

Susan Powers' 4th and 5th grade Earth Watch students had another outstanding year of participation in the Green Team. The students continued the school recycling program, using recycling bins provided by the Green Team. The school's lunchtime recycling monitors recycled 19,000 Styrofoam lunch trays just in the 2006-2007 school year. The Earth Watch committee researched their peers' lunchtime habits then wrote a letter to the cafeteria manager about ways to reduce food waste. In addition, the school has introduced global warming into their curriculum. Students collected redeemable bottles and cans and spare change to adopt some rainforest animals and to sponsor acreage in the Central and South American rainforests. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and miniature recycling bin planters as a Green Team grand prize.

Beverly

James L. McKeown Elementary School

Kurt Anderson's 5th grade students helped establish a school recycling program, using recycling bins provided by the Green Team. The students participated in a school-wide junk mail reduction lesson, completed the Slash Trash lesson and posted signs and posters throughout the school. Mr. Anderson stated, "They have learned the value of community service. They have developed a greater sense of responsibility. They have brought information from the lessons in school home and have encouraged others in the community to recycle." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a concert by Earthtunes as a Green Team grand prize, scheduled for June 21st.

Boston

Health Careers Academy

Angela Cappucci's 10th-12th grade students implemented a school recycling program, using recycling bins provided by the Green Team. Students created posters that they posted throughout the school to encourage other students to recycle, completed the Slash Trash lesson and watched "An Inconvenient Truth." Ms. Cappucci asserted, "The students collected close to 2,000 pounds of paper!" The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Charlestown

Charlestown High School

Karen Prussing's 9th-12th grade students started a school composting program, using materials provided by the Green Team. Students shared their zealously by creating posters that were hung around school to encourage everyone's participation. Ms. Prussing reported, "They realized that to become good stewards of their environment they must take ownership of 'I can make a difference.'" The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and miniature recycling bin planters as a Green Team grand prize.

Warren Prescott School

Tina Champagne's 5th grade students helped establish a school recycling program that was excitedly received by their teachers and fellow students. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Danvers

Holten-Richmond Middle School

John Hodson's 6th grade students helped establish a school wide recycling program, using recycling bins



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provided by the Green Team. Students completed the Slash Trash lesson and hung posters around school to encourage participation. Students worked with Danvers' recycling coordinator to create a recycling schedule that was distributed to all residents. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Dorchester

Boston Latin Academy

Dave Barry and Genevieve White's 9th-12th grade students increased their school recycling program, using recycling bins provided by the Green Team. Students created and posted signs reminding other students and staff how to recycle properly and created a compost bin in their greenhouse. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and composting wheels as a grand prize.

John W. McCormack Middle School

John Wholey's 6th-8th grade students took a strong role in establishing their school recycling program. Students were responsible for educating staff, peers and visitors about the importance of recycling, hung posters they made to remind everyone, distributed and picked up the bins used for the recyclable materials and brought the items to the outdoor dumpster. Mr. Wholey stated, "The students felt like they were doing something good for their school and their community." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Dracut

Brookside Elementary School

Denise Porcello's 2nd grade students learned about the importance of recycling. Students completed the Slash Trash lesson and created

posters to encourage recycling in their school. Ms. Porcello reported, "Parents are always amazed at the amount of trash they throw out each week! It really adds up when they see the class results!" The students received the second highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Conservation Coyotes" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

East Boston

Curtis Guild School

Anna Maria Leone's 5th grade students helped establish a school wide recycling program, using recycling bins provided by the Green Team. Students took responsibility within the school community, educating other classes about the importance of recycling to the environment. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

East Boston High School

Brian Rich and his 9th-12th grade students managed the school recycling program at East Boston High School. Students made posters to hang throughout the school. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

St. Mary's School

Stacy Director's 5th grade students had another exemplary year as participants in the Green Team. Students created posters for the school and expanded the school recycling program to include redeemable bottles and cans. Ms. Director reported, "We have a brand new cafeteria and the class set out bins to recycle bottles and cans. The money will be used for the cafeteria in the forms of garbage bags, hand sanitizer and other needed items." 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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Framingham

Hemenway School

The whole student body at the Hemenway School helped establish a school recycling program, using recycling bins provided by the Green Team. Led by teachers Karin Perry, Laurel Martin, Nancy Purpura and Rebecca Lepow, students set up classroom worm bins, created signs to post in the school to encourage recycling, set up outdoor compost bins for food waste and completed the Slash Trash lesson. According to Ms. Perry, "Our class collected 10 bags of recycling from home during the month of February." Ms. Purpura asserted, "We have Green Team Patrols: Fifth grade students who help collect paper trash and plastic trash several times a week. A bulletin board displays the success of each classroom in contributing to our paper trash collection. Custodians have to call weekly for the Paper Retriever bins to be emptied. Awareness is up!" The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and two concerts by Earthtunes as a Green Team grand prize.

Mary E. Stapleton School

The staff and students proved how dedicated they are to the environment and recycling. The school continued their school recycling program, using recycling bins provided by the Green Team. Students attended a four-installment assembly program: "Recycle, Compost, Reduce, and Reuse." Mandy Couturier's 5th grade students wrote letters to their Congressmen about their thoughts and concerns about global warming, used materials from the Green Team Lending library, helped expand their school recycling program to include commingled items and participated in a Waste Free Lunch Day. Sarah Schoolcraft's 2nd grade students used the Green Team Lending Library, created posters for the school, took the Idling Reduction Pledge and helped make their school an Idle Free Zone. Ms. Couturier and Ms. Schoolcraft's students joined to clean up garbage and recyclables. Ms. Schoolcraft reported, "The recycling and reducing efforts at our school have really empowered our students to make a difference - not just in the classroom but at

home as well. Students have a heightened awareness about the world around them and how to protect it." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Gloucester

Veteran's Memorial Elementary School

Jessica Evans and Heather Burke have worked collaboratively to help educate their 2nd grade students about the importance of recycling. Students started a can and plastic recycling program. When voters used their school for the elections, students asked them to donate their redeemable cans and bottles, which helped the school buy rhododendrons and gladiolas for the grounds. Students also participated in a schoolyard clean up. 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.

Lowell

Charlotte M. Murkland Elementary School

Beth Nolan Stack's Kindergarten-4th grade students help with the school recycling program and encourage all classes to recycle regularly. 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.

Greenhalge Elementary School

Anabel Milinazzo's Kindergarten-4th grade students help with the school recycling program. Every Friday, eight 4th grade students volunteer to collect the recyclable paper during their recess time. Ms. Milinazzo reported, "This is our 12th year of paper recycling. Volunteers are selected for good behavior and responsibility. It is a great honor to be a Grade 4 Recycler." 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.



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Lowell Catholic High School

Peter Francini's 9th-12th grade students helped establish a school recycling program, using recycling bins provided by the Green Team. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Lynn

Lynn Vocational Technical Institute

Frances Crowley's 12th grade students supported their school recycling program by decorating boxes for use as recycling receptacles in the classrooms without a proper recycling bin. Students collect the recycled paper throughout the whole school. Ms. Crowley reported, "The students are enthusiastic about going around the building to collect the recycling. They have met many new people in the building, and understand the importance of recycling." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Melrose

Lincoln Elementary School

Susan McBrine's 3rd grade students assisted the school with their recycling program. Students completed the Slash Trash lesson, designed recycling posters for the sides of grocery bags and held a Trash Free Snack Day. In addition, students recycled ink cartridges, implemented Safe Walk Routes to School and discussed water conservation. Ms. McBrine asserted, "We spent eight sessions with lots of lively discussion and activities! It really got everyone thinking about pollution, conservation, and making a difference." 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' 4th grade students actively assisted with their school's ongoing recycling program and encouraged other students to participate. Students

completed the Slash Trash lesson, wrapped holiday gifts creatively without using wrapping paper and expanded the recycling program to include milk cartons. Ms. Simmons stated, "I think these activities give the students a sense of how they can make a difference, and if everybody participates we can make a huge impact. I think it is important to instill a sense of stewardship for our earth in our students." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Newbury

Triton Regional Middle School

Page Ribaud's 7th and 8th grade students helped with the school recycling program and spread the word by creating posters and posting them throughout the school. The students received the second highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Conservation Coyotes" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Peabody

Captain Samuel Brown School

Diane Bugler's 5th grade students actively participated in the school-recycling program and recycled redeemable cans and bottles to help fund future field trips. Students learned about saving energy during the month of April. Ms. Bugler said, "Students learned about the benefits of recycling and are more aware of taking care of their environment." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Revere

Rumney Marsh Academy

Lauren Bagley's 6th-8th grade students helped establish a recycling program and recycled once a week for the whole school. Ms. Bagley stated, "They understand the benefits of recycling and see how easy it is!" The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.



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Roxbury

Ellis Mendell Elementary School

Pat Clark's Kindergarten-5th grade students helped establish a school recycling program. Students took the Green Team Pledge, created signs and posters to encourage recycling and held a recycling drive. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a concert by Earthtunes as a Green Team grand prize.

Henry Dearborn Middle School

Jaime Moody's 6th-8th grade students helped establish a school recycling program, using recycling bins provided by the Green Team. Students created signs and posters to hang around the school, took the Green Team Pledge, then encouraged others to do so as well and held a Waste Free Lunch Day. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

South Boston

Michael J. Perkins Elementary School

The 4th grade students have been busy spreading the word about recycling by being responsible for their school's recycling program. Led by teachers Cindy Muenkel, Jodi Innerfeld and Haven Ripley, students learned about global warming, made recycling presentations to all the classrooms at the school, created recycling boxes for each classroom and collect all of the school's recyclable paper each week. Ms. Innerfeld reported, "Students have a stronger understanding about how their actions impact the environment in a much grander way. Students enjoy the ongoing prestige and responsibility of maintaining the school's recycling program. They also find connections in other books and areas of learning to recycling and global warming." 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.

Tyngsboro

Greater Lowell Technical High School

Deb Gustafson's 11th and 12th grade students helped maintain their school recycling program. Students took the Green Team Pledge, completed the Slash Trash lesson, helped organize an Earth Day fair in their town and researched energy efficient vehicles. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and household product management wheels as a grand prize.

Waltham

James Fitzgerald Elementary School

Laura Vittum's 4th grade students learned all about composting. Students wrote letters to the Waltham City Council asking them to support composting in the city, created posters to display during Waltham's Earth Day events and enthusiastically shared their knowledge of vermicomposting and red wiggler worms. Ms. Vittum stated, "They have gained an understanding about how our actions (or lack of action) affect the environment. This is a great program. I wish I had known about it sooner!" The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and composting wheels as a grand prize.

Wilmington

Wilmington High School

Terresa Pietro's Environmental Club has been recycling bottles and cans in the cafeteria and some classrooms. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Winchester

Lynch Elementary School

Vicki Cavicchi's 4th grade students helped contribute to the school's ongoing recycling program. Students created signs and posters and collected recyclable paper from classrooms and offices each Friday then transferred it to the large bins. Ms. Cavicchi reported, "They loved helping out!" The stu-



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dents 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.

McCall Middle School

Ellie Stroud's 7th grade students participated in the school recycling program. Students wrote articles about recycling for the school newspaper, created sign and posters that were displayed throughout the school, and made sure recycling bins were in all classrooms and copy rooms. The school is in the process of building a recycling center for other recyclables on the school grounds. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Southeastern Massachusetts

Barnstable

Barnstable Horace Mann Charter School

Marie McEachern's 5th grade students participated in "Science in the Courtyard." Students took on a leadership role by decorating bins for each classroom to collect compost, writing letters to all classrooms to encourage participation, and learning about the life cycle of seed-bearing plants. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and household product wheels as a grand prize.

Barnstable Middle School

Theresa Brosnan's 7th and 8th grade students helped expand their school recycling program, using recycling bins from the Green Team. Students completed the Slash Trash lesson and performed recycling skits to the elementary school in their town. Ms. Brosnan stated, "They are more aware of the need to recycle and get others to do it." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Chatham

Chatham High School

Eleanor Moody's 9th-12th grade students helped establish a school recycling program, using recycling bins provided by the Green Team. Students created recycling posters and signs to spread the word throughout the school. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Chilmark

Chilmark School

Jack Regan's 2nd and 3rd grade students helped with the school recycling and encourage others classes to participate. Students created posters and signs and wrote letters to spread the word about recycling. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and miniature recycling bin planters as a Green Team grand prize.

East Bridgewater

Central Middle School

The 1st-3rd grade students at Central Elementary School had another outstanding year of participation in the Green Team. Led by teachers Christine DeLorenzo, Debra Cowan, Jennifer Roshier, Kate Byrne and Sheila Evangelista, students organized a recycling drive, decorated grocery bags at a local grocery store for Earth Day, completed the Slash Trash lesson, held a clothing drive for the homeless and connected their recycling learning to music lyrics. Ms. Byrne stated, "It made them more aware of how their actions affect others." Her colleague, Ms. Roshier reported, "The school already has a program but we made sure that every piece of paper went into our recycling bin!" Almost all of the classes received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a concert by Earthtunes as a Green Team prize.



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Hanover

Hanover Middle School

Amy Dolan's 7th grade students helped establish a school recycling program, using recycling bins provided by the Green Team. Student showed their enthusiasm for recycling by posting signs and posters around the school. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Kingston

Kingston Intermediate School

Allison Donovan's 3rd-6th grade students completed a lesson about making toys from recyclable materials. In addition, students came up with 12 "Easy to Be Green Tips" that were circulated to each classroom. Ms. Donovan stated, "They have learned life long lessons about how to save our earth. They have learned to be pro-active and get involved. Leadership qualities have greatly been enforced." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and household product wheels as a grand prize.

Lakeville

George R. Austin Intermediate School

Kathleen Nash's 4th and 5th grade Ecology Club members help with their school's recycling program and encourage involvement throughout the school. The students made posters for National Recycling Day and attended a Green Fair to promote idling reduction. Ms. Nash reported, "The Club members are really looking beyond what we do, to see what they can recycle in the school and at home." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Marshfield

Martinson Elementary School

Kim Richards' 4th grade students helped with the school recycling and have helped make the whole student body more aware of the activities needed to

become an environmentally aware school. Ms. Richards feels that there is a "much stronger home-school connection between recycling and the environment." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and miniature recycling bin planters as a Green Team grand prize.

Mattapoisett

Old Rochester Regional Junior High School

Jan Baker's 8th grade students helped with their school recycling program and took on a leadership role by encouraging their peers to participate as well. Students learned about energy conservation by constructing small wind turbines and creating posters on solar and wind power. Ms. Baker stated, "Recycling is an important issue. I was surprised how the students embraced this project and take it very seriously." The students reached 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.

Nantucket

Nantucket High School

Tim Psaradelis' 9th-12th grade students helped with their school recycling program. Students completed the Slash Trash lesson, wrote letters and articles and participated in beach clean ups. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and household product wheels as a grand prize.

New Bedford

Normandin Middle School

Pasa Miller and Kerrie Annicharico's 7th grade students did research on landfills, learned about conserving energy and participated in a Saturday clean up of a local park. Ms. Miller and Ms. Annicharico reported, "Students learned the importance of conserving natural resources, gained pride and a feeling of responsibility for their neighborhood." The students reached the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a per-



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North Attleboro

North Attleboro High School

Donna Cochrane's 9th-12th grade students helped continue the school recycling program and want to include the local middle school in their mission. Students worked to determine the effect of using less fossil fuels and more renewable resources. Ms. Cochrane stated, "The students who became involved really take this seriously. Although the student numbers are small, they are a dedicated group." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and recycle wheels as a grand prize.

Norton

Norton High School

Paula Beisheim's 11th and 12th grade students helped establish a school recycling program and were responsible for educating the school and community about the benefits of recycling. Students researched Cradle-to-Grave pathways for consumer items, researched energy efficient vehicles and posted signs reminding the student body to recycle. Ms. Beisheim asserted, "They have physically seen a change in how much waste has been eliminated from our school's waste stream." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Pembroke

Pembroke high School

Karyn Townsend's 9th-12th grade students encouraged participation in the school recycling program by creating posters and writing letters. Students took a field trip to a Recycling Center and to a waste-to-energy facility and completed the CFL light bulb activity. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Plainville

Beatrice H. Wood School

Maryellen Hanley, three of her colleagues and Kids in Action have made extraordinary strides to improve the state of our Earth. Students at the school researched the environmental impact of trash, created bulletin boards showing how to reduce waste and recycle, wrote a play about recycling which was presented to celebrate Earth Day, and decorated brown bags for a local grocery store. In addition, students have met with the town's Health Department to offer a contest to create a town recycling mascot. Ms. Hanley reported, "Being part of the Green Team has raised awareness about recycling and reducing waste. Students feel excited to be impacting the community and working with Town employees on this project." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a concert by Earthtunes as a Green Team prize.

Plymouth

Plymouth Community Intermediate School

The 6th-8th grade students at Plymouth Community Intermediate School helped establish a school recycling program, using recycling bins provided by the Green Team. Led by teachers Marianne Baird, James DeFrancesco, Mary Lavin, Mary Mather and Warren Phillips, the students raised awareness about the importance of recycling, completed the Slash Trash lesson, took the Idling Reduction Pledge and posted signs throughout the school to encourage the student body to recycle. Mr. Phillips stated, "All classes benefit from recycling. Students learned a lot of information about recycling and transferred that information to fellow students." The students reached the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and three performances by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a Green Team grand prize.

Plymouth North High School

Amanda Boardley's 9th-12th grade Life Skills students helped implement a school wide recycling program, using bins provided by the Green Team.



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Students completed the Slash Trash lesson, wrote letters and articles, and created posters and signs. Ms. Boardley reported, "The Life Skills students have been responsible for implementing and maintaining the recycling program at Plymouth North High School. This has given them a sense of responsibility and a way to feel part of their community." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and miniature recycling bin planters as a Green Team grand prize.

Plymouth South Middle School

The 5th-8th grade students at Plymouth South Middle School initiated a school recycling program, using bins provided by the Green Team. Led by teachers Linda Anderson, Julie Benson, Jeanne Bourque-Goding, Lori Brandt, Beth Gioiosa, Sharon Jeffery, Corey Joyce, Warren Phillips and Donna Ramsay, the students created signs and posters, researched and designed energy efficient vehicles and completed the Slash Trash lesson. Ms. Anderson reported, "They opt to use the bin instead of the trash can." Almost all of the classes reached the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and two performances by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a Green Team grand prize.

Plympton

Dennett Elementary School

Diana Seyfert's 3rd grade students help with the school recycling program. Many classes in the school have a Green Team leader who takes the plastic bottles to the recycling bin. Ms. Seyfert stated, "The students are aware that recycling helps the Earth and that each person can make a difference. Some have begun recycling at home." 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.

Scituate

Jenkins Elementary School

Dianne Lawler's 2nd grade students and 5th grade

Environmental Club helped continue the school recycling program. The Environmental Club is responsible for collecting the school recyclables then a parent volunteer transports them to the town recycling center. Several 5th grade parents volunteered their time to set up a school-wide outdoor compost bin. Ms. Seyfert communicated, "Both my class and the Environmental Club members have learned a lot about recycling and they put it into practice at school and at home." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and compost wheels and "Compost Matters" coloring books as a grand prize.

South Dennis

Nathaniel H. Wixon Middle School

Melissa Phelan and Jason Krystofolski's 8th grade students helped implement a school recycling program, using recycling bins provided by the Green Team. Students completed the Slash Trash lesson, created signs and posters and gained an awareness of the ways they can contribute to a cleaner environment. Ms. Phelan and Mr. Krystofolski reported, "We also served as a resource for other schools in our community who were trying to start recycling programs of their own." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and recycle wheels as a grand prize.

Walpole

Fisher School

Lisa Grasso's 3rd grade class had another outstanding year of participation in the Green Team. The students completed the Slash Trash lesson, created signs and posters, wrote persuasive paragraphs to encourage others to pitch in and help and had Waste Free snack days. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a concert by Earthtunes as a Green Team prize.



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Central Massachusetts

Ayer

Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School (Devens)

Nancy Griffin's 8th grade students helped make their school "Idle Free" by discussing reducing air pollution by turning off their car engines with their families and taking the "Idle Reduction Pledge." The students received the highest Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a Green Team grand prize.

Berlin

Berlin Middle School

Ann Rossow's 4th grade students help with the school recycling and encourage all of their peers to recycle weekly. "Students are invested in the program and its benefits to the environment," reported Ms. Rossow. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Dudley

Shepherd Hill Regional High School

Judy Nawrocki's recycling club students helped establish a school recycling program, using recycling bins provided by the Green Team. The club created posters to encourage recycling throughout the school. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and composting wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Hopedale

Hopedale Memorial School

Jane LeClaire's 4th grade students helped with the school recycling and hung posters to encourage other classes to recycle. Ms. LeClaire feels that the Green Team program has "made them more aware of our environment and they think before they throw away." The students received the highest Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage

is My Bag" as a Green Team grand prize.

Maynard

Fowler School

Deb Rousell's 7th grade students help with the school recycling program, which now consists of paper, plastic bottles and cans. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Mendon

Miscoe Hill Elementary School

Anita Cellucci's 6th & 7th grade students help with the school recycling program and even created a PowerPoint recycling display for the lobby television. "The Library Media Elective Classes enjoyed being the exclusive group to introduce the program aspects to the student body," said Ms. Cellucci. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Millbury

Elmwood School

Jonathan Weiner's 3rd grade students continued to help with their school recycling program that started last school year. The students emptied classroom bins into larger bins and set them out for weekly collection. Mr. Weiner said his students "learned how easy recycling was and what could and could not be recycled." 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.

Northborough

Marion E. Zeh School

Jessica Halford's 3rd grade students learned about the three Rs and participated in a Waste Free day. The children learned that by making small changes they can create far less waste. Ms. Halford reported, "These activities have made them more conscience of how we can reduce trash and why it is



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important that we do so." 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.

Melican Middle School

Jennifer Bolt's 6th-8th students helped start a recycling program at their school and have been busy collecting the recyclables after school. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.

Western Massachusetts

East Longmeadow

East Longmeadow High School

Mary Jane McMahon's students in the Environmental Club helped bring recycling and environmental awareness into their school. Through fundraising, creating gardens, starting a compost bin, and rebuilding an old greenhouse these students helped their student body become aware of how to keep the planet clean. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and recycling wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Holyoke

Lt. Clayre Sullivan Elementary School

Molly Edson's 6th grade after-school students learned about the three Rs through learning games and by building a recycled bottle sculpture. Ms. Edson feels her students "learned not only how and what to recycle, reduce and reuse but learned the importance of these actions in making the world a better, brighter and cleaner place. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and miniature recycling bin planters as a Green Team grand prize.

Longmeadow

Williams Middle School

Christine King's 6th grade students helped continue the school recycling program. The students wrote to several companies about their packing practices and

received many responses. Ms. King said, "The students are better about recycling than the teachers!" 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.

Willie Ross School for the Deaf

Dawn Cooke and Veronica Miller's students helped continue the school recycling program. They provided suggestions on ways to conserve and recycle resources by making posters and a bulletin board for display at a school-wide Open House. Ms. Cooke and Ms. Miller have seen such a significant reduction in waste that they have had to order a smaller dumpster for their school. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and composting wheels as a Green Team grand prize.

Ludlow

Paul R. Baird Middle School

Carlee Belliveau's 6th-8th grade students are hoping to spread the word about the importance of recycling to their town by being role models themselves. Students created a video, "It All Comes Back to You," that was entered in the Springfield MRF Student Recycling Awareness Contest. The students received the second highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Conservation Coyotes" and recycling wheels as a grand prize.

Northfield

Northfield Elementary School

The students at Northfield Elementary established a school-wide recycling program, using bins provided by the Green Team. Led by teachers Carolyn Baskowski, Ashley Fogle, Mary Johnson, and Nolan Kitfield, the students completed the Slash Trash Report, set up a recycling and composting system and created signs and posters to encourage other students to recycle. Ms. Johnson stated, "The students are now more responsible about sorting our recyclables from our trash." Nolan Kitfield reported, "Students recently brought in ideas from the



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news that are going on in other places and what they are doing at home." The students reached the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Composting Matters" coloring books or "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team grand prize.

Springfield

Springfield School of Science and Technology
Suzanne Brock's 10th-12th grade students helped with the school recycling program and encouraged all classes to reduce weekly. Ms. Brock feels her students have made great strides to reduce paper litter in their school. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a Green Team prize.

Warwick

Warwick Community School

Jennifer Comiskey's 3rd and 4th grade students helped establish an outdoor compost bin, using equipment provided by the Green Team. The students spread their enthusiasm throughout the school by posting signs and posters. Ms. Comiskey reported, "Students were eager to complete activities." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and miniature recycling bin planters as a Green Team grand prize.

Westfield

South Middle School

Joseph Mullett's 7th grade students have been studying new technology, energy conservation and ways to lessen their impact on our planet. Through Physics, the students have been working on ways to create less friction on toy and car designs and studying how energy is used to move people around the Earth. Mr. Mullett stated, "They see that the waste truly is not necessary." 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.

Williamsburg

Helen E. James Elementary School

Johanna Korpita's 1st grade students help with the school recycling program. They have worked to make all of their peers and their families more responsible about water and energy conservation, recycling and composting. The students have completed the Idling Reduction Pledge and have been pleased to see their parents' cooperation. 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.



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