



# THE GREEN TEAM Newsletter

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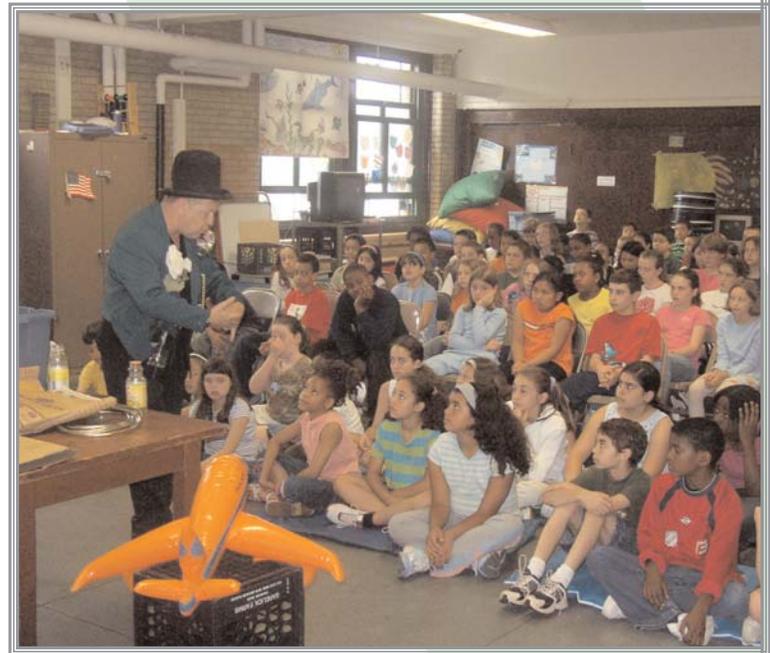
We have completed another successful school year and it's time for the THE GREEN TEAM to take a break for the Summer! Next year's program will be underway fairly soon, and we have some great plans ahead, but first let's recap some highlights from this year's program. **Thanks to all the 2003-2004 GREEN TEAM participants!**

We would first and foremost like to thank all the teachers, students and administrators who made last year's GREEN TEAM program a big success! One hundred and fifty-one classes signed up for THE GREEN TEAM and received GREEN TEAM Kits. Twenty-one classes sent in their "Teacher Response Forms" telling of the recycling activities they conducted. Each class that participated and submitted Teacher Response Forms received Certificates and prizes. Prizes included pencils, bookmarks and mini-recycling bin planters, and nine assembly presentations from Jack Golden, Peter O'Malley, and EarthTunes. ●

## Award Recipients

A big congratulations to all of you! All 21 classes that returned Response Forms received Certificates by completing one or more GREEN TEAM activities. Two classes achieved Conservation Coyote status, and Nineteen became Environmental Eagles by completing activities from each level. All of the Environmental Eagle classes were entered into the Grand Prize drawing, and of these, nine received assembly presentations. In addition the students who achieved Environmental Eagle status received mini-recycling bins with seed packets inside.

Grand Prize winners included **Kilmer School** in West Roxbury; **St. Mary School**, East Boston;



*Peter O' Malley entertains students at the Kilmer School in West Roxbury.*

**Oaklandvale Elementary**, Saugus; **Frolio Junior High**, Abington; **The MacDuffie School**, Springfield; **Beechwood Knoll School**, Quincy; **Marion E. Zeh School**, Northboro; **Truro Central School**; **F. A. Day Middle School**, Newtonville. ●

## Special Thanks to our 2004 sponsor, H. P. Hood!

We would also like to give a special thanks to H.P. Hood for their generous donation for this year's GREEN TEAM Grand Prize award winners. H.P. Hood has been a great partner to THE GREEN TEAM for several years now. We appreciate the great support that THE GREEN TEAM has received from this environmentally friendly business. ●



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## Outstanding Recycling Efforts in 2004!

The students and teachers who participated in Green Team activities during the 2003-2004 school year made a significant impact within their schools and communities.

**The Milton High School** had a featured article about recycling in the Milton Times, and started a paper recycling program with help from their local DPW.

Students at **Marion E. Zeh School** in Northborough held a very successful Waste Free lunch day and have now made it a weekly activity.

**Terri Rauseo**, a teacher at the **Oaklandvale Elementary school** in Saugus said that her students have started a fundraising collection in order to "Adopt an Acre" through the Nature Conservatory's "Adopt an Acre" program.

**Beechwood Knoll** students in Quincy wrote and mailed out letters to Senator John Kerry this winter after watching a video on the "Breeding Grounds of the Caribou" in the Alaska National wildlife refuge. They asked him to continue to vote "no" to the drilling in the refuge. He was kind enough to write back to each student who wrote him.

**F.A. Day Middle school** students in Newtonville raised money for their recycling club by recycling old printer cartridges.

With help from the Green Team, the entire **Webster School system** in Webster was able to reinvigorate a paper recycling program that had grown

"stagnant and almost non-existent," according to **Elizabeth Proctor-Gray**.

Students at the **St. Mary School** in East Boston initiated a bottle and can recycling program and donated the money that was made for their school's "Roof Fund".

**Ms. Hutchings'** class at **Truro Central School** in Truro started a recycling program for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades.

At **Frolio Junior High School** in Abington, **Ms. Peruzzi's** class started a composting program, in which the entire school now participates after the honorary day for recycling was named "Cleaner Greener Day".

Both **Mr. Elliot** and **Mr. Daniels**, with the assistance of the Green Team, have energized everyone at the **Mac Duffie School** in Springfield through a composting program they initiated and are currently running.

**Kilmer School** students in West Roxbury have started a paper recycling program with several recycling bins that were provided to them by the Green Team.

Students at the **Chelmsford High School** started a bottle and can recycling program using Green Team equipment, and even kicked it off with a recycling drive! ●

## New for 2004!

We would like to welcome Karen Wassung, our new Green Team Administrator. Many thanks to Mark Vega, who will be staying on as a part-time administrator, for all his work coordinating GREEN TEAM efforts for the 2004 program. We are fortunate to have Karen step in where Mark left off. A native of Springfield, MA, we are very excited to have Karen join THE GREEN TEAM as the administrator. The program administrator contact information has not changed, so please continue to direct any questions or comments to Karen at 413-731-6546 or [recycle@thegreenteam.org](mailto:recycle@thegreenteam.org). ●



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## Recycling Equipment Distributed in 2004

A total of 363 set-out bins, 42 desk-side boxes, 49 wheeled carts, 8 compost bins and 5 worm bins were distributed. This equipment is being used to initiate or expand school recycling programs.

In 2004, recycling equipment was given to:

- North Andover School Dept.
- Truro Central School
- Rose L. McDonald Elementary, West Bridgewater
- Joyce Kilmer School, West Roxbury
- Chilmark School
- Chelmsford High School
- Woburn Memorial High School
- Riverview School, East Sandwich
- Mill Pond School, Westborough
- Melican Middle School, Northboro
- Saint Anthony School, Fitchburg
- Dennis Yarmouth Regional, South Yarmouth
- MacDuffie School, Springfield
- The Webster School Dept.
- Newbury Elementary School.

## Use our Lending Library

THE GREEN TEAM has a well-stocked library of materials to help you teach about recycling, composting, and waste reduction. Don't forget to visit the Lending Library section of THE GREEN TEAM home page to view the catalog and request materials. ●

## New Evaluation Forms

We are developing evaluation forms for the recycling equipment and lending library materials. We will be sending out these forms to teachers who received recycling equipment or borrowed library materials last year. We appreciate your cooperation in completing and returning these short forms to help us evaluate the effectiveness of THE GREEN TEAM'S equipment distribution efforts and library. This type of information is very important when we seek additional funds or sponsors for THE GREEN TEAM. ●



Recycling Magician Peter O'Malley & Mike Milwich team up to show students at the Kilmer School just how fun recycling can be!

## 2005 Goals...

Our focus for 2005 is to increase and expand school recycling programs. To that end, we encourage you to apply for recycling equipment through THE GREEN TEAM home page. We have set-out bins, wheeled carts, desk-side boxes, compost bins and worm bins available, while supplies last. If a lack of equipment is a barrier to improving your school's recycling program, be sure to get your request in early. ●



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