



The Green Team News

June 2015 Newsletter

Happy June, GREEN TEAM Teachers!

Congratulations on all the wonderful environmental activities you and your students accomplished this year! Sixty-four Teacher Response Forms were submitted, representing an impressive array of environmental education and activity in Massachusetts schools. [Summary of 2014-2015 activities and results](#). Certificates and prizes have been awarded and sent to all 64 classes! Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone who participated! A total of 19 GREEN TEAM Grand Prize Winners were selected, listed below. [Click here](#) to view a complete list of the 64 GREEN TEAM prize winners. MassDEP will also be issuing a press release highlighting your accomplishments; stay tuned!

2014 – 2015 GREEN TEAM Grand Prize Winners				
School Name	Community	Teacher	Grade	GREEN TEAM Prize
Dallin Elementary School	Arlington	Charlotte Milan & Eileen Coleman	K-5	Garden Supplies
Bellingham Memorial Middle School	Bellingham	Linda Cartier	5-8	Garden Supplies
Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School	Bridgewater	Jessica Lazarus	9-12	Garden Supplies
Patrick E. Bowe School	Chicopee	Harry Brandt	1, 3-5	Garden Supplies
Selser Memorial School	Chicopee	Kristin Pisano	K-5	Recycling St

Sizer School	Fitchburg	Anna Cynar	7-12	Garden Supplies
Hemenway Elementary School	Framingham	Jan Kearns	5	Earthtunes Concert
Hingham High School	Hingham	Richard Swanson	9-12	Garden Supplies
Lillian Jacobs School	Hull	Nicole Palermo-Cristaldi	PreK-5	Recycling Sh
Mullein Hill Christian Academy	Lakeville	Sharon Cumiskey	PreK-8	Garden Supplies
Bartlett Community Partnership School	Lowell	JoAnne Downing	PreK-8	Garden Supplies
Fowler School	Maynard	Deb Roussell	7	Recycling Sh
Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech High School	New Bedford	Christopher Pires & Lawrence Carlesi	9-12	Garden Supplies
L.G. Nourse Elementary School	Norton	Nancy Grant	1-2	Recycling Sh
South Shore Natural Science Center Preschool	Norwell	Diane Thureson	PreK	Recycling Sh
Captain Samuel Brown School	Peabody	Diane Bugler	K-5	Earthtunes Concert
Thomas Prince School	Princeton	Corey Burnham-Howard	K-8	Garden Supplies
Lynch Elementary School	Winchester	Fritzie Nace	K-5	Earthtunes Concert
Quinnipiac		Stephanie		

Quinsigamond School	Worcester	Stephanie Syre-Hager	PreK-6	Recycling Sr
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GREEN TEAM Spotlight

Be sure to check out the [2014-2015 GREEN TEAM Spotlight](#) webpage, featuring Massachusetts schools receiving recognition for their outstanding environmental achievements:

- The 2015 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School Awardees, recognized nationally for their environmental progress:
 - **Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, U**
 - **Hingham High School, Hingham**
 - **Cambridge Public Schools District, Cambridge**
- Ted Becker, 8-year GREEN TEAM participant at **Dr. Paul Nettle Middle School, Haverhill**, led three GREEN TEAMS that carried out multiple activities including classroom recycling source separation trainings
- Alex Denmark, senior at **Sandwich High School**, helped develop and implement a school-wide recycling program
- **Hanover Middle School** increased collection capacity by over 200 gallons with help from teacher Benjamin Benitez, using recycling bins from The Green Team
- **Cottage Street School, Sharon**, held a school-wide textile recycling event under the leadership of PTO Officer Crystal Bowman
- Students at **Lillian Jacobs School, Hull**, under leadership of PTO Volunteer Nicole Palermo-Cristaldi, set up waste diversion programs and built raised bed gardens
- The Environmental Team at **Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, Sudbury**, was named one of the 2014 President's Environmental Youth Award National Winners by EPA Region 1
- **Danvers Public Schools, Danvers**, was awarded the 2015 K-12 Recycling Award by MassRecycle for implementing a district-wide recycling program

GREEN TEAM Photo Gallery Teeming with Fabulous Photos

Check out the great photos your peers have sent to us in the [GREEN TEAM Photo Gallery](#). And send us photos of your GREEN TEAM activities! In 2014-2015, we received photos from:

- Dr. Paul Nettle Middle School, Haverhill, Ted Becker, Teacher
- Brookside Elementary School, Dracut, Denise Perrella, Teacher

- Brookside Elementary School, Braintree, Denise Forcellio, Teacher
- Sherwood Middle School, Shrewsbury, Carol Virzi, Teacher
- Lillian Jacobs School, Hull, Nicole Palermo-Cristaldi, PTO Parent Volunteer
- Hull High School, Hull, Sheila Blair, Teacher
- Seacoast High School, Revere, Patricia Hurley-Felt, Teacher
- Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School, Bridgewater, Jessica Lazarus Teacher
- Dallin Elementary School, Arlington, Charlotte Milan & Eileen Coleman, Teacher
- Hemenway Elementary, Framingham, Jan Kearns, Teacher
- Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School, South Yarmouth, Abir Zaineh, Teacher

School Programs, Resources, Competitions and Professional Development

June 10 – Application deadline for [MassDEP Sustainable Materials Recovery Program \(SMRP\) Municipal Grants](#), which offer funding to cities, towns and regional entities for recycling, composting, reuse activities, including district-wide school recycling programs.

June 9 – [Northeast Resource Recovery Association’s 6th Annual School Recycling Conference](#) in Manchester, NH. This year’s theme is “Real Challenges-Real Solutions”. [Register](#).

June 21-27 – [Student Climate & Conservation Congress \(Sc3\)](#), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown WV. The Sc3 Congress empowers student environmental leaders with the skills, knowledge, and tools necessary to address natural resource conservation challenges and better serve their schools and communities. Applications are now being accepted from rising 9-12th grade students. [Click here](#) for application form; become a US Green School Fellow of the Sc3 Congress.

June 28-July 3 – [2015 Educator Climate & Conservation Colloquium](#), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown WV. A week-long training for school professionals interested in honing their skills toward becoming a Sustainability Coordinator, hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s National Conservation Training Center. There is a cost to attend and professionals [must apply](#).

July 9-August 6 – [Summer Graduate Course](#) offered by Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom in cooperation with Fitchburg State College.

July 15-30 – [Summer Workshops on the Farm for Educators](#) offered by Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom on farms across the state this July.

**August 4 – [Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom Summer Conferen](#)
[at Tahanto High Regional High School in Boylston](#).** All workshops will connect the classroom to the school garden. [Register](#) or follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to stay posted on this event!

Enjoy the nice weather as you wrap up the 2014-2015 school year! Remember water your compost bins before you leave for summer vacation!

We hope you will join the Green Team again next school year and look forward to that!

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