



THE GREEN TEAM Newsletter

Summer 2006

Membership in THE GREEN TEAM more than doubled in 2005-2006! This year, over 54,000 students and 348 teachers from various grade levels at 231 Massachusetts schools participated in THE GREEN TEAM, sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Through their involvement, these students and teachers were empowered to help their environment through waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting. Activities conducted by GREEN TEAM members made a real difference for their schools, families and communities. Thanks to all students, teachers, and school staff who participated for the first time, as well as to those who are long-time GREEN TEAM members.

Below are some of the comments we received from teachers about their experiences with THE GREEN TEAM:

"You have been an invaluable resource to us, and we couldn't have started our program without you!"

Cara Lapenas, Belchertown High School

"I love doing 'THE GREEN TEAM' activities with my class! They only take a little time and they teach such huge concepts."

Lisa Grasso, Fisher School, Walpole

"I am looking forward to participating in this worthwhile program again next year."

**Christine DeLorenzo, Central Elementary School,
East Bridgewater**



Students at Barnstable Horace Mann Charter School create a classroom worm bin.

"Thank you... we enjoy working on this and the recognition we receive from the state is very encouraging to the students... they appreciate being noticed by the outside world."

Camille Connick, Pembroke Community Middle School

"Our small class demonstrates how one small group of dedicated people can make a huge difference! Thanks for all your help!"

Carla Frisbie, Chicopee Comprehensive High School

"The kids are much more aware that THEY can make such a huge difference with little effort! Fantastic program!"

Aimee Eckman, Eastham Elementary School

"Being part of THE GREEN TEAM has been a very positive experience for our students and school. Thank you!"

Julie Reynolds, Lincoln School, Lincoln



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Program Highlights

Congratulations to the 78 GREEN TEAM classes who completed GREEN TEAM activities and submitted their Teacher Response forms. These 78 classes, representing over 4,000 students, took THE GREEN TEAM Pledge to reduce, reuse, and recycle at home, in school and in their environment. By taking the pledge, these students reached the first GREEN TEAM level, "Trash Terminators."

As their recycling efforts increased, students progressed through three GREEN TEAM levels. Five classes that completed a Level 2 activity, such as the "Slash Trash" lesson plan, became "Conservation Coyotes." Seventy-one classes went on to achieve the highest GREEN TEAM level, "Environmental Eagles", by completing activities at the first two levels plus one from the third, such as starting recycling or composting programs at their school.

GREEN TEAM Awards

All 78 participating classes whose teachers submitted Teacher Response forms received a Certificate of Recognition for the level they achieved. In addition, each student received a pencil made from recycled currency or denim and a "Trash Terminator" bookmark from THE GREEN TEAM.

Classes who reached "Conservation Coyote" or "Environmental Eagle" status were also entered into a grand prize drawing. Grand prizes were awarded to 75 classes at 65 different schools. Twenty-nine of the grand prize awards were school-wide performances by environmental "edu-tainers" Peter O'Malley, Jack Golden and the musical group "Earthtunes." The other grand prizes included mini-recycling bin planters, coloring books, wrist bands, book covers, and information wheels for each student. For the complete list and descriptions, see [Grand Prize Winners and Their Projects](#).



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School Recycling Programs.

GREEN TEAM members at 54 schools initiated, expanded or ran their school recycling programs this year.

2005-2006 School Recycling Programs Initiated or Expanded:

- Greater Lawrence Technical School, Andover
- High Plain Elementary School, Andover
- Barnstable Horace Mann Charter School
- Barnstable Middle School
- Carter Development School, Boston
- Maurice J. Tobin School, Boston
- Triton Regional High School, Byfield
- Cambridge Montessori School
- Chicopee Comprehensive High School
- Chilmark School, Chilmark
- Holten-Richmond Middle School, Danvers
- Dedham Middle School
- Eastham Elementary School
- Mary E. Stapleton Elementary School, Framingham
- Federal Street School, Greenfield
- Thornton Burgess Middle School, Hampden
- Dawson Elementary School, Holden
- First Lutheran School, Holyoke
- Hopedale Memorial School, Hopedale
- Memorial Middle School, Hull
- Winthrop School, Ipswich
- Kingston Intermediate School
- Leicester High School
- Lincoln School, Lincoln
- Willie Ross School for the Deaf, Longmeadow
- Charlotte M. Murkland Elementary School, Lowell
- Paul R. Baird Middle School, Ludlow
- Governor Winslow Elementary School, Marshfield
- Martinson Elementary School, Marshfield
- South River School, Marshfield
- Fowler School, Maynard
- Herbert Clark Hoover School, Melrose
- Elmwood Street School, Millbury
- Glover Elementary School, Milton
- New Bedford Global Learning Charter School
- New Bedford High School
- Normandin Middle School, New Bedford
- Bresnahan Elementary School, Newburyport
- Rupert A. Nock Middle School, Newburyport
- North Attleboro High School
- Marion E. Zeh School, Northborough
- Pembroke Community Middle School

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Recycling and Composting Equipment Distributed

Forty-two schools in Massachusetts received recycling equipment from THE GREEN TEAM to initiate or enhance their school recycling programs. 1,100 classroom bins, 108 desk side boxes, 90 wheeled carts, 13 compost bins, and 12 worm bins were distributed to GREEN TEAM schools.

2005-2006 School Recycling Programs or Expanded (cont.):

- Pembroke High School
- Dennett Elementary, Plympton
- Dennis C. Haley Elementary School, Roslindale
- Oaklandvale Elementary School, Saugus
- Somerset Middle School
- High School of Science & Technology, Springfield
- Greater Lowell Technical High School, Tyngsboro
- Fisher School, Walpole
- James Fitzgerald Elementary School, Waltham
- North Middle School, Westfield
- Westfield Vocational Technical High School
- Helen E. James School, Williamsburg

Schools that received recycling and/or composting equipment from THE GREEN TEAM in 2005-2006:

- Greater Lawrence Technical School, Andover
- Auburn High School
- Narragansett Middle and High Schools, Baldwinville
- Belchertown High School
- Maurice J. Tobin School, Boston
- Young Achievers Science and Math School, Boston
- Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School, Bridgewater
- Triton Regional High School, Byfield
- Triton Regional Middle School, Byfield
- Carver Middle, Elementary, and Primary Schools
- Charlestown Boys and Girls Club
- Charlton Elementary School
- Winthrop School, Dorchester
- Eastham Elementary School
- Grafton High School
- Thornton Burgess School, Hampden
- Essex Agricultural and Technical High School, Hathorne
- Dawson Elementary School, Holden
- Lillian Jacobs Elementary School, Hull
- Memorial Middle School, Hull
- Winthrop School, Ipswich
- Kingston Intermediate School, Kingston
- Leicester High School
- Lincoln School, Lincoln
- Paul R. Baird Middle School, Ludlow
- North Shore Technical High School, Middleton
- Elmwood Street School, Millbury
- Milton Academy, Milton
- Woodside Montessori School, Milton
- Granite Valley Middle School, Monson
- Great Falls Middle School, Montague
- Turners Falls High School, Montague
- Dennett Elementary, Plympton



Kingston Intermediate School's Recycling Display



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Schools that received recycling and/or composting equipment from THE GREEN TEAM in 2005-2006 (cont.):

- Dennis C. Haley Elementary School, Roslindale
- Undermountain School, Sheffield
- High School of Science and Technology, Springfield
- Liberty School, Springfield
- SEEM Collaborative, Wakefield
- Spring Street School, West Bridgewater
- North Middle School, Westfield
- South Middle School, Westfield
- Westfield Vocational Technical School

THE GREEN TEAM Makes the News!

Thanks to many outstanding outreach efforts, several articles featuring GREEN TEAM members' accomplishments were published in local papers. **Kingston Intermediate School's** new recycling program was highlighted in the November 12-13, 2005 issue of The Patriot Ledger. On November 30, 2005, **Granby Junior- Senior High School's** program was written up in The Springfield Republican. An article appeared in the March 10, 2006 Community Advocate highlighting Northborough's **Marion E. Zeh School's** third year of participation in THE GREEN TEAM. The Marshfield Reporter on June 16, 2006 and the Marshfield Mariner on June 21, 2006 featured stories and photos of Peter O'Malley's GREEN TEAM performance at the **Governor Winslow School**.

The Boston Globe South highlighted Marshfield's **Governor Winslow School, Martinson Elementary School and the South River School's** recycling efforts and GREEN TEAM awards on June 18, 2006.

Three days later the Boston Globe South featured **Milton's Glover Elementary School's** award.

On July 12, 2006, the Springfield Republican ran a front page story and photo about GREEN TEAM projects and awards received by western Massachusetts schools, including **James Clark Elementary School, Agawam; Chicopee Comprehensive High School; Streiber Memorial Elementary School, Chicopee; Federal Street School, Greenfield; Thornton Burgess Middle School, Hampden; First Lutheran School, Holyoke; Willie Ross School for the Deaf, Longmeadow; Paul R. Baird School, Ludlow; High School of Science & Technology, Springfield; Westfield Vocational Technical High School; North Middle School, Westfield; and Helen E. James Elementary School, Williamsburg.** Thanks to everyone for helping to publicize these "good news" stories!



Student Leadership Council Recycling Committee at the Winthrop School, Ipswich, collects the recycling.



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