

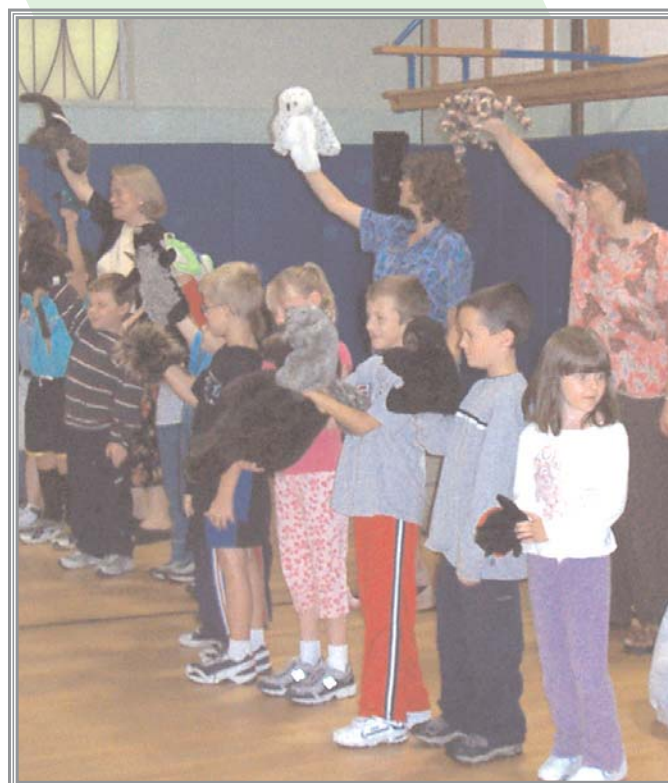


THE GREEN TEAM Newsletter

Spring 2004

The school year is moving along and it's time to participate in **THE GREEN TEAM** activities! This year's program is underway and we have some great plans ahead, but first let's recap some highlights from last year's program. **Thanks to all the 2002-2003 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!. Two hundred and twenty four classes signed up for **THE GREEN TEAM** and received **GREEN TEAM** Kits. Forty-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, two tree plantings and eight assembly presentations from **Jack Golden, Peter O'Malley, and EarthTunes.** ●



*EarthTunes puts on a show for students of
The Rose L. MacDonald School*

Lots of Recycling in 2003!

A big congratulations to all of you! All 41 classes that returned Response Forms received Trash Terminator Certificates by taking **THE GREEN TEAM** pledge. Three classes achieved Conservation Coyote status, and thirty-five became Environmental Eagles by completing activities from each level. Two of our Conservation Coyote classes received tree plantings and one received an assembly presentation. All the Environmental Eagle classes were entered into the Grand Prize drawing, and of these, seven received assembly presentations and two received tree plantings. In addition, students from seventeen Environmental Eagle classes received mini-recycling bins with seed packs inside. ●



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Thanks to our 2003 sponsor, H. P. Hood!

We would like to give a special thanks to H.P. Hood for funding **THE GREEN TEAM'S** Grand Prize awards. H.P. Hood has been a great ally to **THE GREEN TEAM** for several years now. We appreciate the great support that **THE GREEN TEAM** receives from this environmentally friendly business. ●

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Outstanding Recycling Programs for 2003

Seven schools from the Environmental Eagle category received Grand Prizes. These included three recycling magic shows to all the 1st through 4th grade students at the **Comprehensive Grammar School** in Methuen for beginning a new school recycling program, creating recycling signs and posters, setting up an outdoor composting bin, and reusing milk cartons and other materials to make bird feeders.



The recycling magic shows were performed by Peter O'Malley, a magician from the Boston area who specializes in

educating youth about recycling through his entertaining shows. Thanks to **Debbie Donovan-Perez**, **Jennifer Grasso**, and **Joanne Billings** for their recycling leadership!

Grand Prizes were also awarded to the **North Middle School** in Westfield, the **S. Christa MacAuliffe Elementary School** in Lowell, and the **Greenhalge School** in Lowell. The North Middle School, led by **Carol Mentos**, started a new recycling program, set up an educational worm bin and held an environmental awareness poster contest. The S. Christa MacAuliffe Elementary School, thanks to **Fran McDougall**, started a new recycling program, held an environmental awareness poster contest, started a waste free lunch day program, and set up an educational worm composting bin. The Greenhalge School in Lowell was awarded a Grand Prize for creating a new recycling program, running a third grade environmental awareness poster contest, setting up a worm composting bin, and holding a recycling drive to increase awareness in the community. Thanks to the efforts of **Anabel Milinazzo** for coordinating these efforts. These schools received educational presentations by Jack Golden, nationally acclaimed creator of the show "Garbage is My Bag."

A final Grand Prize was awarded to the **Rose L. MacDonald School**, in West Bridgewater, for starting a new recycling program, holding a recycling poster contest, running a



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recycling drive for paper, cans, and bottles (proceeds were used to purchase flowers for the school), and using the Slash Trash lesson plan. Thanks to **Julie Amaral**, recycling advocate for the MacDonald School. Their prize was a participatory concert by Earthtunes, a popular Massachusetts musical act that specializes in environmental themes. Congratulations to all of last year's Grand Prize winners! ●

Recycling Equipment Distributed in 2003

A total of 807 set-out bins, 156 desk-side boxes, 59 wheeled carts, 5 compost bins and 17 worm bins were distributed to schools in 2003. This equipment is being used to initiate or expand school recycling programs.

Recipients of recycling equipment included the **Braintree School Dept.**; **Chelmsford High School**; the **Chilmark School**; **Curran School**, Readville; **Chickering School**, Dover; **F.A. Day Middle School**, Newtonville; **Dover-Sherborn Middle School**; **Egremont Elementary School**; **Gates Intermediate School**, Scituate; **Herberg Middle School**, Pittsfield; **Joyce Kilmer School**, West Roxbury; **MacDuffie School**, Springfield; **North Andover School Dept.**; **North Middle School**, Westfield; **Riverview School**, East Sandwich; **Rose L. MacDonald School**, West Bridgewater; **Truro Central School**; **Wakefield Memorial High School**; **Ward Home School**, Readville; and the **Webster School Dept.** ●

Teacher Response Deadline is earlier this year, April 22, 2005

We have moved up the Teacher Response Deadline to April 22, 2004, so we will have a better chance of providing your classes with their presentations and other awards during this school year. Scheduling presentations during the last month of school is tough, but we will all do our best to make it happen! ●



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New for 2004

We would like to welcome Mark Vega, our new **Green Team** Administrator. Many thanks to Chris Giuliano for all his work setting up and managing **THE GREEN TEAM** program last year. We wish him success in his future endeavors out in sunny Southern California! We are fortunate to have Mark Vega step in where Chris left off. A native of New York, NY, we are very excited to have Mark join **THE GREEN TEAM** as administrator. The program administrator contact information has not changed, so please continue to direct any questions or comments to Mark at 413-731-6546 or recycle@thegreenteam.org. ●

Increasing School Recycling

Our focus for 2004 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. ●

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**. ●

THE GREEN TEAM 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. ●



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