



The Green Team News

June 2013 Newsletter

Hi Green Team Teachers,

Happy June, teachers! You have reported a great year of Green Team activity! Certificates and prizes have been awarded and shipped out to 96 classes. Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone who participated! The 19 GREEN TEAM Grand Prize Winners are listed below. [Click here](#) for a complete list of the 96 GREEN TEAM Prize Winners.

2012-2013 GREEN TEAM Grand Prize Winners

School Name	Community	Teacher	Grade	Green Team Prize
Charlestown High School	Charlestown	Tom Hayes	9-12	Garden Supplies
St. Mary Of The Annunciation School	Danvers	Stacy Drector	PreK-8	Garden Supplies
Brookside Elementary School	Dracut	Denise Porcello	2	Recycling Show
Gill Elementary School	Gill	Joanne Flagg	6	Garden Supplies
Hingham High School	Hingham	Richard Swanson	9-12	Garden Supplies
William L. Foster Elementary School	Hingham	Charlotte Allan & Bridget Carroll	K-5	Earthtunes Concert
Sam Placentino Elementary School	Holliston	Karin Protas	1-2	Recycling Show
Benjamin F. Butler Middle School	Lowell	Principal Eilish Connaughton	5-8	Recycling Show
Joseph G. Pyne Arts Magnet School	Lowell	Deborah Kerr	K-5	Earthtunes Concert

Center School	Mattapoisett	Courtney Aarsheim, Jenn Boudreau, Erin Custadio, Marissa Hughes, Christylyn Julian, Tammy Kelley, Diane LeRoy, Kimberlee Nashold, Nancy Ricci, Audrey Riley	2	Recycling Show
Donald P. Timony Grammar School	Methuen	Cynthia Nugent	3-8	Garden Supplies
Clyde F. Brown Elementary School	Millis	Laura Doherty	K-4	Garden Supplies
Greater New Bedford Vocational Tech. High School	New Bedford	Christopher Pires & Lawrence Carlesi	9-12	Garden Supplies
Thomas Prince School	Princeton	Corey Burnham-Howard	K-8	Recycling Show
Broad Meadows Middle School	Quincy	Deborah Baird	7	Garden Supplies
Sherwood Middle School	Shrewsbury	Carol Virzi	5-6	Garden Supplies
Greater Lowell Technical High School	Tyngsboro	Deb Gustafson	9-12	Garden Supplies
Hosmer Elementary School	Watertown	Susan Bellis	5	Recycling Show
Thorndyke Road School	Worcester	Stephanie Syre-Hager	K-6	Earthtunes Concert

Green Team Spotlight

Schools in Middleborough are on the up and up with their recycling! These schools include the Memorial Early Childhood Center, Mary K. Goode Elementary School, Henry B. Burkland Elementary School, John T. Nichols, Jr. Middle School and the Middleborough High School. Jeff Stevens, the Recycling and Energy Coordinator for the Middleborough Public Schools reports a 70% increase in the amount of mixed containers they collect! The MassDEP Green Team is happy to be a part of successful diversion by providing collection bins for the school. For more information about how your school can participate, take a look at our [Request Equipment page](#).

School fundraiser that promotes reuse

MY ECO is a reuse rewards system that incentivizes consumers to eliminate single use bags at retail stores while raising money for schools and charities. Parents and family friends buy bags from students and then register online. Every time they take a reusable bag to a participating store, the schools earn additional funds all year long. Together students and families learn about the importance of reducing plastic bag waste while supporting their school. MY ECO has recently added Shaw's Supermarket to its list of participating retail outlets and is currently registering schools for the Fall 2013 fundraising season. For more information about how your school can participate, visit www.getmyeco.com.

June

Sunday, June 9, World Oceans Day - World Oceans Day is a time to celebrate the efforts of our entire

community in protecting the blue planet. The **New England Aquarium** is teaming up with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums to invite the public to a family-friendly day of activities that showcase the conservation efforts of community groups, vendors and non-profits. They inspire visitors with the variety of solutions already at work in our community and offer new ways to join in. For more information, visit [New England Aquarium's website](#).

Wednesday, June 12 – Application deadline for MassDEP [Sustainable Materials Recovery Program \(SMRP\) Municipal Grants](#), which offer funding to cities, towns and regional entities - as well as certain non-profit organizations that provide services to them - for recycling, composting, reuse and source reduction activities that will increase diversion of municipal solid waste and household hazardous waste from disposal. Grants are available for recycling and composting equipment; Pay-As-You-Throw programs; waste reduction enforcement; school recycling; and local/regional waste reduction projects.

June 23 – 29 – Applications from rising 9-12th grade students are being accepted for the Green Schools Alliance [Student Climate and Conservation Congress \(SC3\)](#), to be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV. The mission of the Student Climate & Conservation Congress (Sc3) is to empower outstanding student environmental leaders with the skills, knowledge, and tools necessary to address natural resource conservation challenges and better serve their schools and communities. This is a great summer opportunity for your student leaders!

July & August

Summer Workshops on the Farm for Educators

Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom is offering 11 workshops on farms across the state this summer. Each workshop will focus on one aspect of agriculture with connections and activities for the classroom. There will also be the opportunity to meet the farmer, tour the farm and learn about all aspects of the agricultural business. The fee for each educational workshop is \$40. The fee includes lunch, all materials and 10 professional development points with a classroom activity. View the complete schedule of workshops with descriptions at their website, [Mass Ag in the Classroom](#).

New Summer Gardening Conference for Educators - Thursday, July 18

Mass Ag in the Classroom is also sponsoring their first Summer Gardening Conference, to be held on Thursday, July 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Holden Christian Academy in Holden. All workshops will offer connections from the School Garden to the Classroom and the Curriculum. Learn how this school has modeled their whole curriculum on the garden and learn from educators at other schools how they integrate the garden into the curriculum. Three workshops will run concurrently through the day. There will also be the opportunity to harvest and prepare lunch from the school garden. [Read more](#).

September

September 28, 2013 – It's never too early to think about projects in the fall! The Massachusetts Chapter of the U.S. Green Buildings Council (USGBC) is once again promoting [Green Apple Day of Service](#) on September 28, 2013 to advance healthy, sustainable schools. USGBC MA is aiming to have more than 50 projects registered across the state. Examples of projects include indoor or outdoor clean ups, preparing a garden, creating signage that helps to reduce waste, or any other project that promotes healthy schools and

community service. If you would like to organize an event, please contact Steve Muzzy, USGBC MA Green Schools Program Manager at smuzzy@usgbcma.org.

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