

2005-2006 Green Team Prize Winners and Their Projects

Northeastern Massachusetts

Andover

Greater Lawrence Technical High School

John Dello Russo's students coordinated a recycling program for their entire school, using recycling equipment provided by THE GREEN TEAM. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and informational wheels on recycling, composting and household product management as their GREEN TEAM prize.

Andover

High Plain Elementary School

Teacher Susan Powers reported that the students and faculty are committed to the 3 Rs - reduce, reuse, recycle. The entire student body took The Earth Watch Pledge, which is High Plain's version of THE GREEN TEAM Pledge. The Earth Watch Committee, made up of 17 4th- and 5th-graders, volunteer to collect the recyclables during their lunch recess. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a school wide concert by Earthtunes as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Boston

Carter Development School

Teachers Nicole Davis, Jelly Flores, Abby Marsa, Dana Romanczyk, and Jill Wilhite worked with their students to promote recycling at the Carter Development School. Using recycling bins provided by THE GREEN TEAM, students collect recyclables weekly. "Students are able to participate in real life activities. This program allows my students to positively affect the world they live in," reported Ms. Romanczyk. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Boston

Maurice J. Tobin School

The 8th grade students of Regina Bankole and Ms. Sicairos wrote and delivered speeches encouraging recycling to the school community. They ran the school wide recycling program, had an America Recycles Day pep rally, and helped design a bulletin board to generate enthusiasm and support for school recycling. "It was a wonderful learning experience for the school community," reported Ms. Bankole. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a school wide performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Dorchester

Oliver Wendell Holmes School

Stephanie Selznick's K-5 students managed a worm bin to learn about composting and used the soil to grow plants for Mother's Day. "We learned that natural resources should not be wasted. Students are now able to save resources by shutting off lights and water when students are not using them," reported Ms. Selznick. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a school wide concert by Earthtunes as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

East Boston

St. Mary's School

Stacy Drector and her team of 5th-graders spearheaded a school wide recycling drive for gently used books and toys for a local shelter. The students created posters advertising their program and initiated daily intercom announcements, then they collected and boxed all the items. According to Ms. Drector, "they learned the importance of giving to others. They also planned a project for the first time and saw the amount of time and effort needed for a suc-



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successful program." The class received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Roslindale

Dennis C. Haley Elementary School

The Dennis C. Haley School in Roslindale initiated a school wide recycling program spearheaded by Principal Jean Dorcus using bins provided by THE GREEN TEAM. Students brought the classroom bins to a recycling container weekly. Teacher Mary Clarke noted the students "incorporating recycling practices in daily school activities." Nada Heredia's first grade students have been observing and tending to their worm bin. They plan to use the rich soil in their outdoor classroom garden. "The class is excited about recycling and students talk about also recycling at home," reported Ms. Heredia. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a school wide concert by Earthtunes as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Brookline

Edward Devotion School

Kristen DeCroix's 5th grade students completed the Slash Trash lesson plan, reducing household waste and tracking their results for a month. They received a Certificate of Recognition as "Conservation Coyotes" for completing two levels of GREEN TEAM activities, along with "GREEN TEAM" wristbands as a grand prize.

Byfield

Triton Regional High School

The Environmental Club at Triton Regional High School, led by teacher Christina Gil, coordinated a school wide recycling program. They received recycling equipment from THE GREEN TEAM and wrote letters and articles to promote their recycling program. The students received the

highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and mini-recycling bin planters for each student as a GREEN TEAM prize.

Cambridge

Cambridge Montessori School

Katie Epmeier's 4th-, 5th-, and 6th-grade students monitored their trash for a month as part of the Slash Trash lesson plan and had an average reduction of one bag of garbage per family per week. Several families started recycling and composting for the first time as a result of the students' efforts. The school also expanded their recycling program and started composting. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "GREEN TEAM" wristbands as a grand prize.

Cambridge

Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House

Janet Decker and her kindergarten through 4th grade students held a recycling drive and posted signs throughout the house and their community to encourage recycling. "Our kids learned a lot! We worked especially hard on not wasting resources like paper and water," reported Ms. Decker. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "GREEN TEAM" wristbands as a grand prize.

Danvers

Holten-Richmond Middle School

John Hudson and Ellyn Farrick's 6th grade students realized the amount of trash they generate by doing THE GREEN TEAM's Slash Trash Report. They also used THE GREEN TEAM's Lending Library resources to further their knowledge about the importance of recycling. Then they took action by setting up and running their school's bottle and can recycling program. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "GREEN TEAM" wristbands as a grand prize.

Dedham

Dedham Middle School

Lauren Cronin's 6th-, 7th-, and 8th-grade students collected recycled paper for the whole school. They made



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sure that every classroom and office had a recycling bin and made posters and signs for them. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a school wide performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Dracut

Brookside Elementary School

Denise Porcello's second-graders took part in the Slash Trash lesson, created recycling signs, and held a recycling drive. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Compost Matters" coloring books as a GREEN TEAM prize.

Framingham

Mary E. Stapleton Elementary School

All the students at Stapleton School took THE GREEN TEAM Pledge - promising to recycle at home as well as at school. Mandy Couturier's 5th grade peer leaders shared signs and posters with the whole school when they held an assembly in November 2005 to kick off their recycling program. Stapleton School had contests among the grade levels to see who kept the most paper out of the trash. "We are the 'environmental school,'" reported Ms. Couturier. "Everyone wins when you help the environment." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a school wide concert by Earthtunes as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Ipswich

Winthrop School

Maureen Leonard's 2nd grade students and the 4th and 5th grade Student Leadership Council Recycling Committee at Winthrop School have shown just how dedicated to recycling they are. These students collect plastic bottles, cans, and plastic containers throughout the school each week using bins provided by THE GREEN TEAM. The money they receive for the deposit containers is given to the office to help purchase playground equipment. The Committee presented \$100 to the principal last year. The stu-

dents received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a school wide concert by Earthtunes as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Lincoln

Lincoln School

Julie Reynold's 6th-8th graders conduct regular clean ups of their school grounds. They spread the word about recycling by hanging posters in all of the middle school classrooms and copy areas. In addition to recycling, this group has been tending to their two composting bins, provided by THE GREEN TEAM. "Being part of THE GREEN TEAM has been a very positive experience for our students and school," reported Ms. Reynolds. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and informational wheels on recycling, composting and household product management as their GREEN TEAM prize.

Lowell

Charlotte M. Murkland Elementary School

The 2nd- and 3rd-graders in Beth Nolan-Stack's class took responsibility for the paper recycling for the entire building. These students set up a weekly schedule and took turns collecting the recycling from each classroom and office. According to Ms. Nolan-Stack, "The students learned responsibility by following the weekly schedule. They also learned to respect their environment and realized how much paper we use on a weekly basis. The students really tried to be aware of when they were wasting paper and tried to be more conscience of their use of materials." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "GREEN TEAM" wristbands as a grand prize.

Melrose

Herbert Clark Hoover School

Susan McBrine and Beverly Patten's 2nd grade classes have been participating in THE GREEN TEAM for several years. As a team, the two classes completed the Slash Trash lesson, had a waste-free



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snack day, and decorated paper collection bags to be used in their homes. "The activities increased the students' awareness of recycling and conservation," reported Ms. McBrine and Ms. Patten. "Our school is currently in first place in a city-wide paper recycling contest for schools!" The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Milton

Glover Elementary School

Rebecca Warner's 5th grade students completed the Slash Trash Report and set up a school recycling program. They collect paper, bottles, and cans each week. Ms. Warner reported that the students have "developed an appreciation and awareness of recycling." Her class received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and mini-recycling bin planters as a GREEN TEAM prize.

Newburyport

River Valley Charter School

Eileen Pramberg's 1st through 8th graders completed the Slash Trash Report, composting and source reduction lessons. The students decorated and distributed grocery bags to local supermarkets for Earth Day use. They also held a school wide fundraiser with reusable canvas grocery bags, and took a field trip to Conigliaro Industries in Framingham to learn first-hand how products are recycled. "All gained increased awareness and knowledge of ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle at home and school," reported Ms. Pramberg. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "GREEN TEAM" wristbands as a grand prize.

Newburyport

Rupert A. Nock Middle School

Eriko Antos' 5th- and 6th-graders participated in their school wide recycling program. They also decorated grocery bags for local supermarkets to use for Earth Day. Ms. Antos reported that her stu-

dents have gained "increased awareness at school and home of the need for recycling." The class received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and environmental book covers for each student as a GREEN TEAM prize.

Saugus

Oaklandvale Elementary School

Terri Rauseo's third grade students made recycling posters and added their own slogans. In addition, this group set up a school wide cell phone collection. They collected over 50 cell phones, which we forwarded to Crunchtime. They plan to purchase flowers to plant in the schoolyard with the \$50 check they received for the phones. "The students learned so much about the importance of recycling," reported Ms. Rauseo. "Many who were not recycling at home urged their parents to get recycling bins!" The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Tyngsboro

Greater Lowell Technical High School

Deb Gustafson's 11th and 12th grade students initiated a paper recycling program throughout the school. The students took THE GREEN TEAM Pledge, created recycling posters, and collected about 3,000 pounds of paper per month for recycling. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "GREEN TEAM" wristbands as a grand prize.

Waltham

James Fitzgerald Elementary School

Roni Sue Bowers K-5th grade students took THE GREEN TEAM Pledge, created recycling posters, maintained a class room worm bin, held a recycling drive and participated in their school recycling program. The class received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and environmental book covers for each student as a GREEN TEAM prize.



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Southeastern Massachusetts

Barnstable

Barnstable Middle School

Theresa Brosnan's 7th and 8th grade students started a recycling program for paper, cans, bottles and plastic. Ms Brosnan reported a notable reduction in the school's garbage, and that "the students learned organization and working together to make a difference." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a school wide performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Barnstable

Barnstable Horace Mann Charter School

Domenic Botolino's 6th grade students created a volunteer recycling team at school. With over 40 students and 10 parents helping, they were able to recycle paper from over 40 rooms that had previously only thrown paper away. Mr. Botolino reported that the students acquired a "better understanding of environmental science and civic responsibility."

The 5th grade students of Marie McEachern and Sue Nunes managed a classroom worm bin, distributed Junk Mail Reduction Kits as a community service project, and were involved in several Earth Day activities. They made posters to encourage others to compost organic matter from their snacks, and had a student photographer capture their activities. Each of these grades received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a school wide performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Chilmark

Chilmark School

Jack Regan's 2nd and 3rd grade students were at the forefront of recycling and composting for the whole school, using recycling and composting equipment from THE GREEN TEAM. In addition, the entire student body took part in an energy aware-

ness program. The classes received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "GREEN TEAM" wristbands as a grand prize.

East Bridgewater

Central School

Christine DeLorenzo's and Jennifer Rosher's second-graders became more aware of waste by participating in the Slash Trash lesson. Ms. DeLorenzo's students developed ways to recycle different items, such as reusing binders that a near-by company was going to discard. Over 95% of the students in her class recycle at home, and they are working on establishing a school wide recycling program. These classes received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Eastham

Eastham Elementary School

Aimee Eckman's third grade students spearhead the school recycling effort. Using recycling bins provided by THE GREEN TEAM, students collect recycling and parents weigh and transport the material to the transfer station. Their average collection has been 150 pounds per week. Mrs. Brown's 3rd grade classroom maintained a worm bin, feeding the worms scraps from snacks. "Fantastic program!" wrote Ms. Eckman, "The kids are much more aware that THEY can make such a huge difference with little effort!" The class received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "GREEN TEAM" wristbands as a grand prize.

Hull

Memorial Middle School

Steve Watson's 7th grade students helped initiate a school recycling program, using equipment provided by THE GREEN TEAM. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as a grand prize.



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Kingston

Kingston Intermediate School

Allison Donovan's 5th grade students at Kingston Intermediate School have become the school's role models. These students researched and created games of the past and the reusable materials they were made from. They created posters and a huge showcase display educating the school on how to recycle, and collected paper from all of the classrooms on a weekly basis using bins provided by THE GREEN TEAM. Ms. Donovan's students produced and performed three environmental plays for the whole school. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a school wide concert by Earthtunes as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Marshfield

Governor Winslow Elementary School

Evelyn Shannon's 3rd grade students took THE GREEN TEAM pledge to recycle, created illustrated essays about Earth Day and participated in their school recycling program for paper and plastic. "The students are excited about recycling and ask to bring the bins down daily," reported Ms. Shannon. The class received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Marshfield

Martinson Elementary School

Kim Bouressa's Pre-Kindergarten students filled out their Slash Trash Reports at home with their families and then brought them back to class to graph the results. They also set up a school recycling program for paper, plastic and cans. Ms. Bouressa reported that her students "are young but they recognize the recycle logo on items and can sort items." The students also participated in a waste free-lunch day and cut their trash in half. The class received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Marshfield

South River School

Barbara Roth and her 3rd grade students made posters and gave a presentation to the school describing what happens to each type of plastic the school recycles and reported on the tonnage of paper recycled from the school district and the money it saves the town. Her students also decorated grocery bags for Earth Day for their local supermarket. Ms. Roth reported that her students gained "hands-on knowledge about which plastics get recycled and why and developed much stronger paper recycling habits." The class received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

New Bedford

New Bedford Global Learning Charter School

Cybele Leverett's 5th-8th grade students in the Environmental Action Club started a school wide recycling program for paper, bottles and cans. The club supported the program for the first half of the year and then each class took responsibility for emptying the toter weekly. The Environmental Action Club also ran a very successful denim drive to benefit Habitat for Humanity as well as Hurricane Katrina. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a school wide performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

New Bedford

New Bedford High School

Mark Bermingham and Joanne Arena's students participated in and promoted their school's recycling program by making and displaying posters throughout the school. "The students learned that by working together in the recycling program they can have a positive effect on the world in which we live," reported Mr. Bermingham and Ms. Arena. The students received the highest level Certificate of



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Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and mini-recycling bin planters as a GREEN TEAM prize.

New Bedford

Normandin Middle School

Pasa Miller's 7th grade students helped expand and promote the school wide recycling program, observed a classroom compost project, adopted the nearby park, and visited the local waste water treatment plant. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "GREEN TEAM" wristbands as a grand prize.

North Attleboro

North Attleboro High School

Donna Cochrane's 9th-12th grade students helped with the paper recycling in their classrooms, continuing the school wide recycling program that students initiated two years ago. The students also took a field trip to the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility, accompanied by some senior citizens who are working on their own recycling. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and mini-recycling bin planters as a GREEN TEAM prize.

Pembroke

Pembroke Community Middle School

The Recycling Club at Pembroke Community Middle School, led by Camille Connick, created posters and signs that they posted throughout the school to encourage everyone to recycle paper. The Recycling Club continued the recycling program that was initiated last year by collecting paper from over 50 classrooms each week. The students recycled about 30,000 pounds of paper at Pembroke Community Middle School this year. The Club also participated in a denim recycling drive and has been promoting the sale of recycled denim pencils at the school store. "This has been a great experience for the middle school students at Pembroke Community Middle School and they have been able to continue their community service at the High School by participating in recycling efforts at Pembroke High

School," reported Ms. Connick. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and mini-recycling bin planters as a GREEN TEAM prize.

Pembroke High School

Karyn Townsend's students come after school to collect recyclables from the entire school and bring them to the recycling containers. They also read articles about recycling and discussed current events. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and informational wheels on recycling, composting and household product management as their GREEN TEAM prize.

Plympton

Dennett Elementary School

Betty James' 1st-graders, Diana Seyfert's 3rd-graders and Ava Grimason's 5th-graders played a large part in the successful recycling program at Dennett Elementary School. Sixth grade teacher Jill Anderson started the recycling program using equipment provided by THE GREEN TEAM. The students took THE GREEN TEAM Pledge, created recycling posters, helped with the school recycling, observed a worm bin and read books about recycling. Ms. James' observed that the activities "made the students aware of what recycling is." Ms. Seyfert noted, "The children are very aware that there are benefits to recycling. They remind each other not to throw away anything that can be recycled." Ms. Grimason reported, "This was very worthwhile. I feel that the students became more aware of their surroundings and how we can help the environment." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Somerset

Somerset Middle School

Elvio Ferreira's 7th grade students took THE GREEN TEAM Pledge, created recycling posters



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and started a school recycling program. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and informational wheels on recycling, composting and household product management as their GREEN TEAM prize.

Walpole

Fisher School

Lisa Grasso's third grade students took THE GREEN TEAM Pledge, completed the Slash Trash Report, created recycling posters, held a "Waste-Free Lunch" and participate in the school recycling program. Ms Grasso reported that the students were able to decrease their snack trash by 75% by using Tupperware and cloth napkins. "Through all of the various activities they have done, the children now see that they CAN make a difference," stated Ms. Grasso. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Central Massachusetts

Holden

Dawson School

Kathy Morrissey's second grade students helped establish a school recycling program, using recycling bins provided by THE GREEN TEAM. Students created posters and wrote essays to help promote their program. "They were very excited to participate and improve their world," reported Ms. Morrissey. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Compost Matters" coloring books as a GREEN TEAM prize.

Hopedale

Hopedale Memorial School

Jane Leclaire's 4th- and 5th-grade students help with the school recycling and encourage all classes to recycle weekly. "We have very little trash in our class, we recycle everything!" reported Ms Leclaire. The class received the highest level Certificate of

Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "GREEN TEAM" wristbands as a grand prize.

Hubbardston

Hubbardston Center School

Diana Antul's 2nd grade students learned about recycling, planting trees, and how it ties in with recycling paper. They cleaned up a local park, separated the recyclables and started a compost pile with the raked leaves. The Cub Scouts plan to use the compost when they plant trees in the park this summer. "This was a real educational project!" reported Ms. Antul. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Compost Matters" coloring books as a GREEN TEAM prize.

Leicester

Leicester High School

Joanne Bernier and her 9-12th grade Environmental Club set up a school wide recycling program using bins they received from THE GREEN TEAM. In May, the club placed 4th out of 42 schools at the Massachusetts Envirothon in Uxbridge. They revamped THE GREEN TEAM's Idling Reduction Pledge to be the "Bus Idling Reduction Pledge," then they got signatures from the bus drivers, who agreed to turn off their engines to conserve fuel and decrease emissions. In addition to the "Bus Idling Reduction Pledge," the club also created a "Car Pooling Pledge." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and mini-recycling bin planters as a GREEN TEAM prize.

Maynard

Fowler School

Deb Roussell's 6th-and 7th-graders helped set up the school's recycling program, including a plastic recycling station in the cafe. Over 400 plastic bottles a day have been recycled. The students also completed the Slash Trash lesson and created recycling posters. "The students became more aware of what to recycle at school," reported Ms. Roussell. The students received the highest level Certificate



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of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "GREEN TEAM" wristbands as a grand prize.

Millbury

Elmwood Street School

Jonathon Weiner and his 3rd grade students initiated a school wide paper recycling program using bins provided by THE GREEN TEAM. Already they have collected tons of paper. "We have learned of the importance of recycling and what can be recycled," reported Mr. Weiner. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a school wide concert by Earthtunes as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Northborough

Marion E. Zeh School

The 3rd grade students at Marion E. Zeh School had another outstanding year of participation in THE GREEN TEAM. Led by teachers Jessica Halford, Eileen Badstubner and Jessica Sciortino, the students completed the Slash Trash Report, held a "Waste-Free Day," collected books on the 3R's for their own classroom library, used GREEN TEAM Library materials to educate each other and created recycling posters. "The students were extremely interested in this program and became incredibly environmentally objective," reported Ms. Halford. Ms. Sciortino noted, "The students were shocked to see and analyze how much trash is actually accumulated. Using our math skills we found out how much trash would accumulate over weeks and years." According to Ms. Badstubner, "Students and families in Northborough are already very active in recycling, but composting was definitely an area of interest for all." The classes received the highest level Certificates of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a school wide performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Western Massachusetts

Agawam

James Clark School

Tammy Rumlík's kindergarten students participated in a schoolyard cleanup, observed a class worm bin and created a neighborhood art project using milk cartons. "They learned about not wasting things and about keeping our earth clean," reported Ms. Rumlík. The class received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a recycling magic show by Peter O'Malley as a grand prize from THE GREEN TEAM.

Chicopee

Chicopee Comprehensive High School

The students in Carla Frisbie's Environmental Science class, known as the "Chicopee Comprehensive GREEN TEAM," set up a recycling program, using recycling equipment from THE GREEN TEAM. They prepared a PowerPoint presentation to gain administrative support and decorated the school with educational posters about the new recycling program. After one month, they had recycled 2,545 pounds of paper and are saving the school money in disposal costs. "Our small class demonstrates how one small group of dedicated people can make a huge difference!" reported Ms. Frisbie. The class received a Certificate of Recognition as "Conservation Coyotes" and mini-recycling bin planters for each student as a GREEN TEAM prize.

Chicopee

Streiber Memorial School

Shannon Harrington's 4th-graders cleaned up their playground for Earth Day and made art projects out of items they would normally have thrown into the trash. "They really enjoyed learning about all the different ways they can help the Earth; many of them took it very seriously. They are educating younger students and their families," reported Ms. Harrington. The students received a Certificate of



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Greenfield

Federal Street School

Andrea Kimball and Lillian Kehler, UMass interns, led an after-school group of 3rd-5th grade students on a mission to learn about recycling. These 12 students began by collecting paper from the school recycling bins then they made it into pulp and molded it into flower pots. At an all-school assembly in April, these GREEN TEAM members presented their peers with a presentation about what they had learned and gave out posters they had made to each classroom to hang above their recycling bins. "These students are now the school experts on recycling!" reported Ms. Kimball and Ms. Kehler. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "GREEN TEAM" wristbands as a grand prize.

Hampden

Thornton Burgess Middle School

Chris Chamberlain-Puffer's 5th- through 8th-graders expanded their recycling program to include plastics. Her students collected the plastics from each classroom on a weekly basis. "The students feel both important and that they are helping our world," reported Ms. Chamberlain-Puffer. The class received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and environmental book covers for each student as a GREEN TEAM prize.

Holyoke

First Lutheran School

Laurel Beaulieu and her 3rd grade students recycle everyday in their classroom. When they work on art projects or are cutting paper these students make sure the waste goes into the correct bin. Ms. Beaulieu's students can often be heard reminding their peers to use the "blue box." In addition to learning how to recycle, these students have also been learning about global warming, pollution, water,

and conservation. The class received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and mini-recycling bin planters for each student as a GREEN TEAM prize.

Longmeadow

Willie Ross School for the Deaf

Dawn Cooke and her 6th-12 grade students expanded their school's recycling program by placing paper recycling containers in every classroom as well as the administration building. They recycle ink cartridges and soda cans as well. "The school's recycling increased by 95% and the trash decreased significantly," reported Ms. Cooke. "The class benefited by seeing the results of their efforts and actually seeing how much they throw away. They also are more frugal with their paper use by reusing both sides, etc." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a school wide performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Ludlow

Paul R. Baird Middle School

Tracy Walker's 6th-8th grade students implemented a school wide recycling program using recycling bins provided by THE GREEN TEAM. "At the beginning of this school year, our middle school, with a population of nearly 900, was not recycling anything," stated Ms. Walker. Now, thanks to the student council representatives, they are recycling paper and cardboard. "The student council's leadership in this project sets a great example for all students to follow," reported Ms. Walker. "The student council representatives are proud of the fact that their actions make a real difference in their community." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "GREEN TEAM" wristbands as a grand prize.

Springfield

Springfield High School of Science & Technology

Suzanne Brock and Jenni Manfredi started a school



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recycling program and classroom worm bin using equipment provided by THE GREEN TEAM. They recycle paper throughout most of the school and hope to expand the recycling effort to the whole school in the future. "Great participation from the faculty, and the students had an eye opener as to the paper waste!" reported Ms. Brock and Ms. Manfredi. The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and informational wheels on recycling, composting and household product management as their GREEN TEAM prize.

Westfield

North Middle School

Carol Mentos' 7th- and 8th-graders at North Middle School have been continuing to support their school's paper recycling program. They have set up a compost bin provided by THE GREEN TEAM in the courtyard garden as well. Carol Mentos stated, "All these activities are welcome additions to the classroom. Because they are hands-on activities, they embrace the lessons learned quicker than if it was just teacher words in the classroom." The students received the highest level Certificates of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and a school wide performance by Jack Golden entitled "Garbage is My Bag" as a GREEN TEAM grand prize.

Westfield

Westfield Vocational Technical High School

Joseph Mullett's 9th- through 12th-graders took THE GREEN TEAM Pledge, created recycling posters, wrote articles, managed a worm bin and an outdoor compost bin and further expanded the school recycling program to include all the shops and off-campus sites. Mr. Mullett took the students to visit the Materials Recycling Facility in Springfield, the proposed Biomass plant in Russell, and to Hull to see the new wind turbines. Mr. Mullett's students are eager to get a downtown recycling program out front of stores and corners. "There have been a growing number of actively recycling students on their own accord," reported Mr. Mullett. The students received the highest level Certificate of

Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and mini-recycling bin planters as a GREEN TEAM prize.

Williamsburg

Helen James School

Johanna Korpita's first grade students took THE GREEN TEAM Pledge and have been working on their outdoor and indoor compost bins. They recycle all paper, snack containers, and drink containers. Ms. Korpita reported, "The students are much more aware of recycling and just how easy it can be and the good that comes from it." The students received the highest level Certificate of Recognition as "Environmental Eagles" and "Compost Matters" coloring books as a GREEN TEAM prize.



Barnstable Horace Mann Charter School students distribute "Junk Mail Reduction Kits" as a community service.



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