

## July 2016 Newsletter

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*"[The students] are very aware of the necessity of taking care of our Earth, some steps that they can take, and more importantly, what they need to do to inform others of the need to take better care of our Earth!"*

- Johanna Korpita, Anne T. Dunphy Elementary School, Williamsburg

Dear GREEN TEAM Teacher!

Now that it's summer, there is more time to reflect on the past school year.

We have posted the [full list of GREEN TEAM activities](#) at schools across the state in the 2015-2016 school year. Take a look to gather ideas for next year!

The MassDEP issued a [press release](#) about the 2015-2016 GREEN TEAM prize winners. This press release prompted stories in many local papers about GREEN TEAM participants, highlighted in the GREEN TEAM In the Media section below. Please send us links to media coverage your school receives so we can share these too!

There are many workshops and classes available this summer to learn how to better integrate environmental education into your curriculum. Check out the Professional Development list below!

[Registration](#) for THE GREEN TEAM for the 2016-2017 school year is now open! (Don't forget, your registration from last year does not carry over into the new school year.)

## GREEN TEAM in the Media

[The Arlington Patch](#) reports on the GREEN TEAM prize received by **Dallin Elementary School**. Dallin was one of 66 schools to receive GREEN TEAM prizes for their environmental education activities in the 2015-2016 school year.

[The Recorder](#) reports on GREEN TEAM prize winners in Franklin County. As Grand Prize Winners, **Hawlemont Regional School** won a “Garbage is My Bag” performance by Jack Golden and **Greenfield Math and Science Academy** won a garden center gift certificate. Amy Donovan, from the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, has been working with Greenfield Public Schools to implement a district-wide program to divert wasted food from cafeterias for composting with the help of a MassDEP [SMRP grant](#)

[The Worcester Patch](#) reports on GREEN TEAM grand prize winner, **Quinsigamond Elementary School**. The school cafeteria has switched to plastic milk bottles. Students empty leftover milk in the bottles so they can be recycled.

[The Lowell Sun](#) reports on schools in Lowell, Dracut, Bedford and Littleton for receiving GREEN TEAM prizes. **Washington Elementary School**, Lowell, and **Lt. Job Lane Elementary School**, Bedford, received Grand Prizes, while Lowell's **Bartlett Community Partnership School**, the **St. Patrick School and Education Center**, and Dracut's **Brookside Elementary** received Green Team wristbands. **Littleton Public Schools** also [received a Green Schools award](#) from the U.S. Department of Education. Littleton was one of 15 school districts nationwide to receive this award for the 2015-2016 school year.

[The Winchester Patch](#) reports on GREEN TEAM Grand Prizes received by **Ambrose Elementary School** and **Lincoln Elementary School**. Students at Ambrose received a concert by Earthtunes, while students at Lincoln received a gift certificate to a local garden center.

## GREEN TEAM Spotlight

**Captain Samuel Brown Elementary School** in Peabody received a Sustainability Award from Green Schools in the [2016 Green Difference Awards](#). This award recognizes the school for having a proven track record of at least five years' of excellence in environmental education. Captain Samuel Brown Elementary School was one five schools nationwide to receive this award.

**Mount Alvernia Academy** in Chestnut Hill planted wildflowers to attract butterflies. They purchased these plants with the garden center gift certificate they received for being a GREEN TEAM Grand Prize

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Winner.



*Students at Mount Alvernia Academy planting flowers to attract butterflies.*

**Greenfield Math and Science Academy** in Greenfield planted hardy shrubs and perennial flowers this spring. They purchased these plants with the garden center gift certificate they received for being a GREEN TEAM Grand Prize Winner.

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*Students at Greenfield Math and Science Academy planting shrubs.*

## **Professional Development Opportunities**

Check out the many opportunities this summer to learn about integrating environmental issues into your teaching!

### [Project Learning Tree Trainings](#)

- July 15 – K-8 Curriculum (Amherst)
- July 22 – Secondary Modules Workshop (Canton)
- Aug 20 – Early Childhood Experience Module (Canton)

### [The Cookbook Project](#)

- July 18-Aug 8 – Food Literacy Educator Training

### [Teacher on the Estuary Training at Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve](#)

- July 25-28 – Investigating a Changing Environment

### [Summer Institute for Teachers at Harvard Forest](#)

Aug 18 – Buds, Leaves, and Global Warming OR Woolly Bully and the Hemlock Trees

Aug 25-26 – Our Changing Forests

## School Programs, Events, Competitions

**Sept 1** – Application deadline for [Mass Agriculture in the Classroom Mini-Grant](#).

**Sept 10** – Keep America Beautiful's [National Planting Day](#).

**Sept 22** – Distribution day for GREEN TEAM recycling equipment for schools in the Boston area. [Register](#) for THE GREEN TEAM for the 2016-2017 school year and submit a [recycling equipment application](#) to request equipment. There will also be distribution dates in November and April.

**Sept 24** – [Green Apple Day of Service](#).

**Sept 30** – Application deadline for Project Learning Tree [Greenworks! Grant](#). Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for school environmental service-learning projects.

We look forward to your [return for the 2016-2017 school year](#). In the meantime, have a lovely summer vacation!

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