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Massachusetts Environmental Officials Present 'Green Team' Awards to Massachusetts Schools

MassDEP Recognizes Young Environmental Stewardship Educational Activities

BOSTON – State environmental officials today recognized students from 72 schools across the Commonwealth for outstanding environmental actions as members of the “Green Team,” a statewide environmental education program sponsored by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

“Congratulations to the teachers and students who participated in the Green Team program during the past school year, showing that there’s a new generation of enthusiasm and environmental leadership in Massachusetts communities,” **said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides**. “Participation in Green Team activities is an important educational foundation that helps students take action to protect our natural resources, and brings to life the subjects they are learning in school.”

Students of any age can participate in the Green Team program, an initiative composed of students who share the goals of reducing pollution and protecting the environment. More than 82,000 students in 351 classes at 322 schools joined the Green Team this school year.

Students took part in a range of activities, including:

- Expanding school recycling programs;
- Collecting textiles for donation and recycling;
- Starting a compost pile using organic waste from the school cafeteria, and using the compost it generates to nourish a garden to grow vegetables;
- Making their school driveways “Idle-Free Zones”;
- Increasing energy efficiency in their schools and communities; and
- Reducing their carbon footprint at school and at home.

These activities incorporated classroom disciplines from the fields of science, engineering and mathematics to reading, writing and art, as well as other non-classroom, interrelated projects.

“Green Team students learn environmental stewardship, bringing energy conservation, recycling, composting and pollution prevention projects to our schools and communities,” **said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg**. “Green Team members work to have a positive impact on our environment and to make their communities more sustainable.”



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Participating teachers received a Green Team Kit containing classroom posters, lesson plans, recycling tips and access to a library of other resources. In addition, 51 schools received recycling equipment from the Green Team to initiate or expand school recycling programs. Fifteen schools received signs reading “Idle-Free Zone” from the Green Team that serve as a visual reminder to drivers to turn off their engines while waiting in the schoolyard.

Participating classes were entered into a drawing for prizes, and 72 classes received prizes for their efforts (*full listing below*). Seventeen schools won grand prizes, and will receive schoolwide performances by environmental educators Jack Golden and Peter O’Malley, or gift cards to local garden centers for trees or garden supplies to further “green” their schools.

To learn more or to participate in the 2019-20 school year, the 18th year for the Green Team, teachers may sign up online [here](#).

The following are the Green Team prize winners:

School Name	Community	Teacher	Green Team Prize
James Clark Elementary School	Agawam	Tammy Rumlík	Garden Supplies
Amesbury Elementary School	Amesbury	Bruce McBrien	Garden Supplies
Thompson Elementary School	Arlington	Elizabeth Rocco	Recycling Show
Oakmont Regional High School	Ashburnham	Alana Archangelo	Garden Supplies
Swift River Elementary School	Belchertown	Cindy Fournier	Garden Supplies
Ellison Parks Early Education Center	Boston	Donnie Lucente	Recycling Show
Andrew Peabody School	Cambridge	Leslie Williams-Dunn	Recycling Show
Mount Alvernia Academy	Chestnut Hill	Maria Lyons	Recycling Show
Agawam Junior High School	Feeding Hills	Sandee Johnson	Recycling Show
Lt. Clayre P. Sullivan Elementary School	Holyoke	Rick Haggerty	Recycling Show
Robert Frost Middle School	Lawrence	Paul Flanigan	Garden Supplies
Bartlett Community Partnership School	Lowell	Joanne Downing	Recycling Show
Manchester Essex Regional Middle/High School	Manchester	Keith Gray	Garden Supplies
South Shore Natural Science Center	Norwell	Diane Thureson	Recycling Show



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Preschool			
Captain Samuel Brown School	Peabody	Diane Bugler	Garden Supplies
Joseph G. Luther Elementary School	Swansea	Scott Sunaz-Lods & Lindsay Poirier	Garden Supplies
Rose L. MacDonald School	West Bridgewater	Jeremy Dempsey	Recycling Show
Youth Center Inc.	Adams	Amber LaFogg	Wristbands
Brackett Elementary School	Arlington	Rachel Oliveri	Seeded Bookmarks
John A. Bishop Elementary School	Arlington	Jennifer Davidson-Jardeleza	Seeded Bookmarks
Stratton Elementary School	Arlington	Katherine Whang	Wristbands
Boston Latin Academy	Boston	Kara Stafford	Wristbands
Boylston Elementary School	Boylston	Nicole Avery	Wristbands
John D. Runkle Elementary School	Brookline	Tanya Paris	Compost Activity Books
Marshall Simonds Middle School	Burlington	Jane Lynch	Information wheels
Hoosac Valley Middle and High School	Cheshire	Lindsay McGinnis	Recycled Tire Key Rings
Cohasset High School	Cohasset	Peter Afanasiw	Wristbands
Joseph Lee School	Dorchester	Alice Daly	Wristbands
St. John Paul II Catholic Academy	Dorchester	Emily Gaylord	Recycling Information Wheels
Dante Alighieri Montessori School	East Boston	Teresa Strong	Wristbands
Sandwich STEM Academy	East Sandwich	Amy Ferreira	Information wheels
Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public School	Easthampton	Meghan Siudzinski	Wristbands
Crocker Elementary School	Fitchburg	Ron Becker	Recycling Information Wheels
Fitchburg High School	Fitchburg	Heather Root	Compost Information Wheels
South Street Elementary School	Fitchburg	Chip Tourigny	Wristbands
Vincent M. Igo Elementary School	Foxborough	Brian Beckenstein	Recycling Information Wheels
Academy of Early Learning	Greenfield	Jennie Horton	Compost Activity Books



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Newton Elementary School	Greenfield	Miriam Robinson	Wristbands
Hancock Elementary School	Hancock	Brian Keller	Wristbands
Holyoke High School	Holyoke	Robert Frye	Wristbands
Hopedale Memorial School	Hopedale	Jane LeClaire	Wristbands
Memorial Middle School	Hull	Heather Weber	Wristbands
Johnny Appleseed School	Leominster	Brigid Gilchrist	Wristbands
Kathryn P. Stoklosa Middle School	Lowell	Elinor Sadlier	Seeded Bookmarks
St. Patrick School	Lowell	Margie O'Donnell	Wristbands
Beebe School	Malden	Michelle Corbett	Wristbands
St. Mary's Catholic School	Mansfield	Regan Haney	Recycling Information Wheels
Elizabeth Carter Brooks Elementary School	New Bedford	Kelly Keaton	Compost Activity Books
Greater New Bedford Vocational Tech. High School	New Bedford	Christopher Pires & Lawrence Carlesi	Wristbands
Mason Rice Elementary School	Newton	Heather Friedman	Wristbands
Underwood Elementary School	Newton	Andy Gluck	Wristbands
Pvt. Albert E. Thomson Elementary School	North Andover	Nicole Radulski	Wristbands
L. G. Nourse Elementary School	Norton	Nancy Grant	Compost Activity Books
Norwell Middle School	Norwell	Christina Bailey	Wristbands
Norwood High School	Norwood	Allison Leichtman	Wristbands
Norwood Montessori School	Norwood	Tamiko Porter	Wristbands
Taconic High School	Pittsfield	Tanya Michaud	Wristbands
Atherton Hough Elementary School	Quincy	Teresa Quinton	Wristbands
Rockport Middle/High School	Rockport	Robert Allia	Wristbands
Salem Early Childhood Center	Salem	Rachael Lord	Compost Activity Books
Witchcraft Heights Elementary School	Salem	Kelly Cronin	Compost Information Wheels
George R. Martin Elementary School	Seekonk	Corinne Carvalho	Wristbands



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Seekonk High School	Seekonk	Angela Cunard	Compost Information Wheels
Albert S. Woodward Memorial School	Southborough	Mary Ellen Duggan	Wristbands
The Grow School	Southbridge	Martha Burkett	Information Wheels
Robert F Kennedy Childrens Action Corps - RFK Academy	Springfield	Joanna Heron-Forge't	Wristbands
Swampscott Middle School	Swampscott	Margarett Ardman	Information wheels
Uxbridge High School	Uxbridge	Lisa Struppa	Wristbands
Whitin Intermediate School	Uxbridge	Mary Ellen Jansson	Recycling Information Wheels
James Fitzgerald Elementary School	Waltham	Marisa McNally	Seeded Bookmarks
Loker Elementary School	Wayland	Anne Johnson	Wristbands
Dr. Arthur F. Sullivan Middle School	Worcester	Jill Thibodeau	Information wheels

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