



The Green Team is Back!

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2021 Green Team

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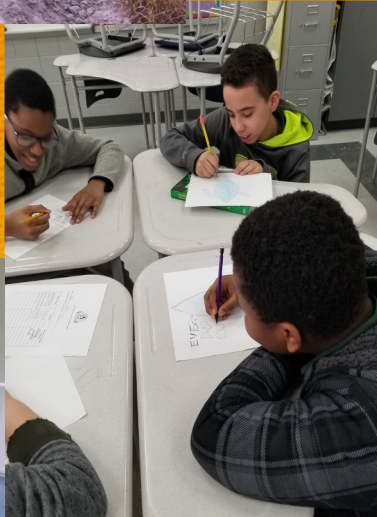
Members

Entire GMS Community



Objectives

- To familiarize *GMS* staff with environmental literacy standards
- To apply environmental literacy standards to *GMS* culture principles
- To enhance the overall sustainability of Greenbelt Middle School in support of the efforts of the Green Team.



Plans for this year:

ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

RECYCLING

- Identify a Recycling Coordinator
- Establish a Recycling Schedule with CRI students
- Begin Cafeteria Recycling
- Work with custodial staff to ensure delivery of recycled materials to the PG plant.
- Research the feasibility of composting here at GMS
- Recruit Green Team-ers!
- Schedule Green Up, Clean Up event.
- Plan for Earth Day Fair in April.
- Partner with PBIS to incentivize Green Team activities.
- Plant flowers, vegetables, etc. in the Spring.
- Encourage EL Lesson integration.

What is a Green School?

In May of 2019, GMS was re-certified as a Green School by the State of Maryland.

This means that we have systems in place to increase our overall environmental literacy.

It also means that we all must have a vested interest in maintaining this designation.



What is Environmental Literacy?

Environmental literacy is more than just comprehending, it is demonstrating capabilities. So while students learn about photosynthesis or water quality, those facts alone do not demonstrate environmental literacy.

Greenbelt Middle thrives as a Green School

Today's students must understand the ecological, economic, and cultural connections between humans and the environment. And they must recognize the impact of decisions made by individuals (including themselves, their family members and the overall community).



Going Green Means....

- Cutting your SmartBoard off when not in use
- Cutting your lights off or dimming them when possible
- Unplugging electronics when not in use
- Limiting paper use (go with Google Classroom, Edmodo, Google Drive, REMIND, etc.). Making fewer handouts and printing double-sided copies when possible.



Going Green Means....



- Watering your plants with leftover water in bottles left in your classroom.
- Tearing paper in half or quarters and using for scrap paper, passes, etc.
- Repurposing materials for art projects, science projects, etc.
- Bringing your lunch and/or beverages in reusable containers.

Going Green Means....

- Directing/correcting students to appropriately dispose of recyclable materials. *Water bottles are of particular concern right now.*
- Posting signs to direct the recycling process
- Emphasizing to students the importance of recycling



Breakout!

POPCORN OUT

Jamboard!

Share 1 thing you **ARE DOING**, or 1 thing you **PLAN TO DO**, to promote environmental literacy at GMS.



Thank You!

Your 2021

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