

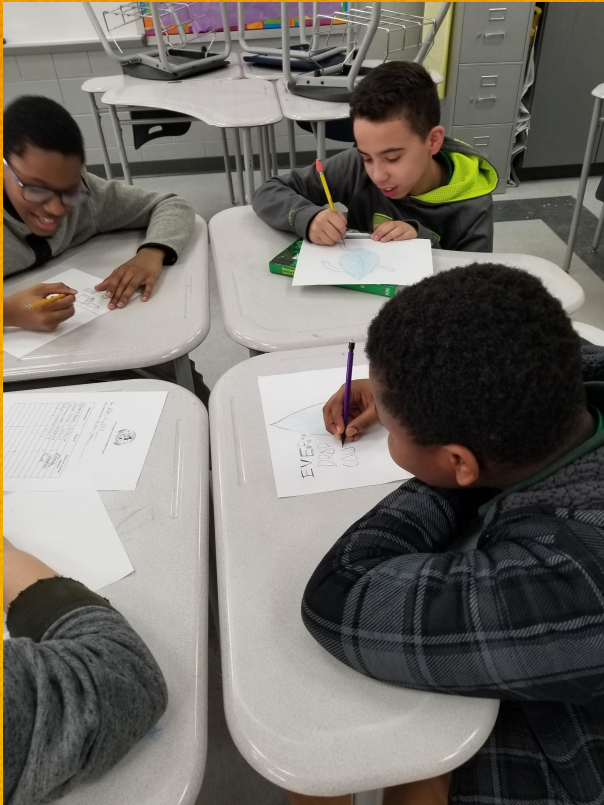
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Enviromental Literacy

May 5, 2021

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.

2020 Green Team

Sponsors

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Recycling Coordinator

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Members

All Staff & Students



Help PG County Restore the Earth

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 continuously enhance our overall *environmental literacy.*



What is Environmental Literacy?



Environmental literacy is more than just intellectual comprehension, it is an intentional demonstration of strategies designed to save the planet.

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....

- Showing students the brief slideshow on how and what to recycle
- Posting signs to direct the recycling process
- Emphasizing to students the importance of recycling
- Directing students to appropriately dispose of recyclable materials.



Recycling Lessons & Activities

Incorporate lessons about the environment in your curriculum, no matter your content area

Students and staff can "Recycle Right" with these virtual recycling lessons and activities!

[View the activities here.](#)

Breakout!



POPCORN OUT

Share 1 thing you have done and 1 thing you plan to do to promote environmental literacy.

Let's Kahoot!



Thank You!



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