



November, 2011 MAEOE Green Schools Newsletter

Welcome to the November 2011 MAEOE Green Schools Newsletter. We hope the first half of your school year has been productive and GREEN! In this newsletter you will find new resources to support your MAEOE Certification or Re-Certification, Environmental Education in your curriculum, Grants and Funding Opportunities.

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Updates to Note:

Questions?

Comments?

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- 2012 MAEOE Conference Registration is now open on the MAEOE website. Early registration, student and member discounts are available.
- A Green Schools Workshop will be held December 7, 2011 at Arlington Echo Outdoor School, Anne Arundel Co. Interested applicants and recertifying schools are encouraged to apply. Contact Joanne at green-schools@maeoe.org to register.
- Follow MAEOE on Twitter at MAEOE_MD
- Comment on MAEOE Blog Posts and Facebook updates! We love hearing from you!

November Website Featured Items:

-7 New Factsheets for each of the BMP's supporting the MAEOE MD Green School Application

-2 new Case Studies on MAEOE MD Green Schools

-NEW Resources for Baltimore Area!
<http://www.maeoe.org/greenschools/resources/BC%20Resources%20Nov11.pdf>

Upcoming Grants

Great American Can Roundup School Challenge:

Registration Deadline: December 15, 2011

This contest runs from Nov 15 to April 22., 2012. The Can Manufacturers Institute is giving away a \$1,000 per state prize to the top per capita school and an additional \$5,000 to the top recycling school, plus the value of the cans and the chance to win \$50 pizza cards.

<http://www.cancentral.com/roundup/>

Whole Kids Foundation School Garden Grants

Whole Kids Foundation, Whole Foods Market and FoodCorps have collaborated to offer multiple \$2,000 grants to support school garden projects in the US, UK and Canada. K-12 schools developing or currently maintaining a school garden project that helps engage children with fresh fruits or vegetables is eligible. Gardens may be at any stage of development, planning, construction or operations.

Applications must be received by 5pm CST, December 31, 2011. Visit <http://wholekidsfoundation.org/gardengrants-application.php> for full details.

Questions should be directed to info@gardengrants.com

Parks & People Foundation's Neighborhood Greening Grants

Attend one of Parks & People Foundation's Greening Grant Workshops in November and apply for \$1,000 to green your school yard. RSVP to a workshop today at www.parksandpeople.org

Baltimore City Public School Grants

- 1- City Schools Sustainability Challenge
- 2-City Schools Energy Challenge
- 3- City Schools Healthy Food Challenge

Use the Application found on Page 3 of this link to apply for one, two or all three challenge. All projects must be supported by a 'Green Team' of students who plan and implement the project—teams must be a minimum of 5 members.

Applications may be submitted by email to abby.cocke@baltimorecity.gov or faxed to 443-430-2041 Application deadline has been extended to December 15, 2011.

<http://cleaner-greener.highrockhosting2.com>

Looking for ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle at your school? The Trash Free Schools Project from the Alice Ferguson Foundation in Accokeek, MD provides a framework for K-12 schools to reduce their waste and foster more sustainable, environmentally-aware cultures. The project is structured in a way that is beneficial for schools interested or involved in the Green Schools program.

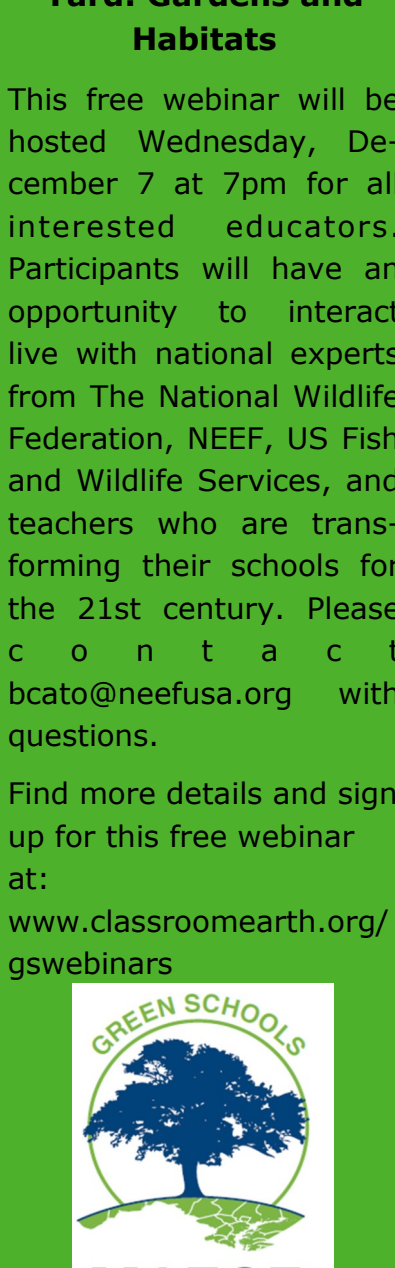
Visit the Trash Free Schools webpage or email trashfreeschools@fergusonfoundation.org for more information.

www.fergusonfoundation.org/trashfreeschools.shtml



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EPA Launches Website for 6-8th Grade Students and Educators

"A Student's Guide to Global Climate Change" is devoted to educating 6-8th graders and covers topics including science, impacts to society and ecosystems, and solutions to climate change. The information is presented in videos, animations, interactive graphics, and "expeditions" where students can explore how climate change affects places around the world. This site can be used by teachers and educators to help develop class curriculum.

<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/kids/>

Classroom Earth Free Webinar: Greening the School Yard: Gardens and Habitats

This free webinar will be hosted Wednesday, December 7 at 7pm for all interested educators. Participants will have an opportunity to interact live with national experts from The National Wildlife Federation, NEEF, US Fish and Wildlife Services, and teachers who are transforming their schools for the 21st century. Please contact bcato@neefusa.org with questions.

Find more details and sign up for this free webinar at: www.classroomearth.org/gseminars



Project Learning Releases New High School Curriculum

There are nine activities in PLT's Exploring Environmental Issues in the 176-page guide that integrates teaching about forests into a multitude of subject areas using hands-on classroom studies and outdoor field investigations. High school educators and junior college professors can obtain a copy of PLT's Exploring Environmental Issues by attending a PLT professional development workshop in their area. PLT's 50-state network hosts 1,500 workshops held across the country.

Curriculum Spotlight! Raising Horseshoe Crabs in the Classroom

This project began in 1998 at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) under the Environmental Stewards Division and Fisheries Services helped to develop and implement the project to educate students on horseshoe crabs and the management of the species. Currently, the project provides equipment, Teachers' Guide and horseshoe crab eggs to schools for students to learn the ecological, medical and historical importance of the vanishing species.

Contact Stacy Epperson, Education Specialist in the Aquatic Resource Education Department of DNR at 410-260-8775 or sepperson@dnr.state.md.us

Spring 2012 Internship

MAEOE is hosting a Spring 2012 Undergraduate Internship to assist Maryland Schools along the MAEOE Green School Application and Process. If you know of anyone who may be interested, applications are due December 2. For details, view the press release at <http://www.maeoe.org/news/Internship%20Press%20release%202011.pdf>. If you have questions or are interested in having an intern work with your school, contact Stacy Bond at mdgsorganizer@maeoe.org or 443-733-1220 x121