



WELCOME!

To the Fall 2011

MAEOE Maryland Green Schools Newsletter

Welcome Back to School! MAEOE Maryland Green Schools would like to take a few moments to update you on all of the great things going on!

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Updates to Note:

Questions? Comments?

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* Major changes to the 2012 application will be covered in detail through the Webinar on Program Updates at 3pm on Sept 12th or alternatively at 4pm on Sept. 26th Please RSVP to greenschools@maeoe.org

*2012 Intro to MAEOE MD Green Schools Informative Webinar will be held at 3:30pm on October 4th Please RSVP to greenschools@maeoe.org

* Upcoming workshops have been scheduled on "How to Grow a Green School" as well as a new volunteer program the Maryland Green School Certified Leaders. Please see the [calendar](#) for details.

* The National Green Ribbon Schools to launch Fall 2011 link: <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/department-education-starts-award-green-schools>

* Mark your calendars now for the MAEOE Conference: "Fulfilling Environmental Education's Promise: Authentic Learning & Real World Impact" Feb 9-12th in Ocean City, MD Registration to open in October!

* The MD Green School Youth Summit will be held June 1-2012. Last year, thousands of students participated in a free, all day environmental education event. Learn more: <http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2011/06/03/green-schools-summit-to-feature-kite-rally/>



Upcoming Grants

Chesapeake Bay Trust Mini Grant

Deadline Approaching!

Save the Date!!

The last opportunity to apply for a mini grant up to \$5,000 is due no later than 5pm on January 13, 2012!!

These grants are a great opportunity to provide funds to schools, organizations and agencies relating to environmental and Chesapeake Bay issues. Contact Kacey Wetzel at kwetzel@cbtrust.org or visit www.chesapeakebaytrust.org



DOE Home Energy Education Challenge Could Win Your School up to \$200,000!

The Department of Energy in Partnership with the National Science Teachers Association announced recently, the DOE Home Energy Education Challenge. The challenge is an effort to educate students on the benefits of energy efficiency and motivate them to actively take part in how their families use energy. Teams of student's grades can participate by implementing, monitoring and recording changed in their home energy consumption over 3 months. After successfully completing and comparing the data, schools can compete for more than \$200,000 in prizes. Every participating school will receive a DOE Certificate of Recognition. To register or learn more, visit www.homeenergychallenge.org

Maryland DNR Aquatics Resource Education Grant

- Schools are eligible to receive up to \$2,000
 - Outdoor Education Facilities can up for \$4,000 yearly
 - The grant must have a connection to water and Maryland's Aquatic Resources
 - Service Learning and Restoration Projects are encouraged to apply!
- For more information, contact Cindy Etgen at cetgen@dnr.state.md.us





Reduce! Reuse! RECYCLE!!!

Celebrate the 15th year of America Recycles Day

America Recycles Day is the only nationally recognized day promoting recycling efforts in the U.S. and will be taking place November 15, 2011. Remember to mark the date, start getting students, friends and communities excited about recycling! Visit <http://americarecyclesday.org> to take the "I Recycle Pledge" and to find or host a local event!



Alliance for Climate Education (ACE) Reaches out to High Schools and Students

ACE is looking to host free climate assemblies and programs to all high schools in the D.C. region. ACE works to encourage high school students to join action teams and to attend leadership programs centered on up to date climate science. ACE programs have received rave reviews from teachers, administrators and students and recognition from organizations including George Mason University and the Breathe California Clean Air Award. To read more and book ACE at your school, visit www.acespace.org

Win your school up to \$3,500 in the Recycle Bowl

The Maryland Recycling Network has partnered with Keep America Beautiful to promote the 1st nationwide recycling competition for k-12 schools. Schools can compete nationwide or amongst individual classrooms based on interest. Each of the State Champs will win \$1,000 and the National Champ will win an additional \$2,500. In addition to recycle collected at the school, there is a drop off category for recyclables collected from the community. The top three communities will win \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 respectively. More info can be found at <http://recycle-bowl.org>





President Obama Visits Parkville Middle, A MAEOE Maryland Green School!

On February 7, 2011, President Obama toured and visited with students at Parkville Middle outside of Baltimore. The President took time to speak with students about an ongoing Chesapeake Bay Project and referred to Parkville MS as a “Model for schools across the nation” and that “Parkville is preparing our kids for the jobs and careers of the 21st century.”



The 2011 Melanie Teems Award Presented to Calvert Co Public Schools

CCPS were awarded the Melanie Teems Award for their exemplary environmental educational programming. This award recognizes CCPS implementation of “Green Schools to a Clean Bay” initiative, a project linking instruction, administration and maintenance for an integrated environmental program for everyone connected to the school system.

More about this award can be found at http://www.cbtrust.org/site/c.mi.JPKXPCJnH/b.5493301/k.984E/Awards_Program.htm



St. Mary’s Co Public Schools Receive the MD Green Registry Leadership Award



The MD Green Registry is a voluntary program, which was launched by Governor Martin O’Malley as part of the Smart Green and Growing Initiative. St. Mary’s Co Public Schools Mission to “Work Live and Learn for Tomorrow” by implementing a green school coordinator at each school, having 14 of their 27 schools MAEOE MD Green Schools Certified and a goal to have all 27 schools certified by 2013 have aided them in receiving the 2nd annual MD Green Registry Leadership Award, presented June 7 at the EcoCenter in Jessup. Congratulations SMCPs on all of your hard work!!! The award detail can be viewed at

<http://www.mde.state.md.us/maryland/Pages/2010LeadershipWinners.aspx>



Award Recipients at the [EnviroCenter](#) in Jessup

