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### **2010 Maryland Green School Awards – Another Record Breaking Year – 16% of all Maryland Schools are Certified Maryland Green Schools**

Jessup, Maryland - 7/5/2010 – On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Sandy Point State Park, the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) will publicly recognize, honor, and certify the 12<sup>th</sup> cohort of Maryland Green Schools and Maryland Green Centers. Seventy-seven (77) schools and five (5) centers this will be receiving the award for the first time; nineteen (19) schools will receive the award as a recertification after four or more years; and for the first time in the program's history, four (5) schools, that have maintained their Maryland Green School Status for 16 years will be honored as Model Green Schools. "Interest and participation in the Maryland Green School Program has hit critical mass. With seventy-six newly certified schools in 2010, the percentage of certified Maryland Green Schools jumps from 10% to 16% of all Maryland schools (public and private). Such significant growth represents a true paradigm shift." states MAEOE Executive Director, Bronwyn Mitchell.

The schools and centers receiving the 2010 Maryland Green School Award have created a culture of learning at the school and in their community. Using the Maryland Green School framework, which includes teacher training, curricular integration, student-led environmental best management projects, community engagement and celebration; these schools have figured out that "green" learning is more than just a few environmentally friendly projects. Ryan Pleune, the Maryland Green Schools coordinator who has worked in education for ten years explains: "What is clear to me about learning and student achievement is that students especially students who are struggling must feel and urgent need to learn something before they will go through the hard work of learning it. The Maryland Green Schools Program provides a map for schools and their stakeholders to develop a culture of learning that is compelling and creates a desire to learn."

Why are so many Maryland Schools committing time and resources to becoming a certified Maryland Green School? Inquiry or project-based, hands-on learning, the platform upon which the Maryland Green School Program's framework is built complements current brain research which shows that students need to feel safe; they have to feel accepted; and then they have to feel actively engaged and physically engaged, in order access the full capacity of their brain and develop higher order thinking skills. Maryland Green Schools are reporting that they:

- are healthier environments for learning
- stimulate the active pursuit of knowledge
- empower students
- increase school pride and the self-esteem of students and teachers
- improve scores on standardized tests
- encourage an active lifestyle - a building block for sustained health

## 2010 New Maryland Green Schools

<b>ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY</b>	<b>CARROLL</b>	<b>MONTGOMERY</b>
Arundel High School	East Middle School	Ashburton Elementary School
Indian Creek Lower/Middle School	Hampstead Elementary	Bethesda Elementary School
Jones Elementary	Parr's Ridge Elementary	Beverly Farms Elementary School
Montessori International Children's House	<b>CECIL</b>	College Gardens Elementary School
Nantucket Elementary	Perryville Middle School	Forest Knolls Elementary School
Old Mill Middle South	<b>CHARLES</b>	Garrett Park ES
Piney Orchard Elementary	Gale - Bailey Elementary School	Geneva Day School
Ridgeway Elementary	J. C. Parks Elementary	New Hampshire Estates Elem. School
Riviera Beach	Thomas Stone High School	Rocky Hill Middle School
Rolling Knolls Elementary	Westlake High School	Sligo Creek Elementary
South River Senior High	<b>FREDERICK</b>	Travilah Elementary School
Belvedere Elementary	Oakdale Elementary School	<b>PRINCE GEORGE'S</b>
Central Elementary	<b>GARRETT</b>	Berwyn Heights Elementary School
<b>BALTIMORE COUNTY</b>	Northern Garrett High School	Bond Mill Elementary
Immaculate Conception School	<b>HOWARD</b>	Calverton Elementary School
Immaculate Heart of Mary School	Bellows Spring Elementary School	<b>SOMERSET</b>
Joppa View Elementary	Bushy Park Elementary School	Somerset Intermediate School
Logan Elementary	Clarksville Elementary School	<b>ST.MARY'S</b>
Oldfields School	Folly Quarter Middle School	Greenview Knolls Elementary
Parkville Middle & Center of Technology	Fulton Elementary	Lettie Marshall Dent Elementary
Westchester Elementary	Hammond Middle School	<b>WASHINGTON</b>
McCormick Elementary	Ilchester Elementary School	Clear Springs Elementary
<b>BALTIMORE CITY</b>	Laurel Woods Elementary Schools	
Franklin Square Elem./Middle School	Lisbon Elementary School	
Mount Washington Elementary School	Manor Woods Elementary School	
Thomas Johnson Elementary Middle	Northfield Elementary School	
Waldorf School of Baltimore	Oakland Mills Middle School	
<b>CALVERT</b>	Rockburn Elementary School	
Barstow Elementary School	St. John's Parish Day Schools	
Mutual Elementary School	Swansfield Elementary	
Southern Middle School	Thunder Hill Elementary School	
	Talbott Springs Elementary School	
	Veterans Elementary School	

## 2010 New & Recertifying Maryland Green Centers

Alice Ferguson Foundation/Hard Bargain Farm	Princes George's
Calleva Outdoors	Montgomery
Claude E. Kitchens Outdoor School at Fairview Center (re-cert)	Washington
ELMS Environmental Education Center	St. Mary's
Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center	Charles

## 2010 Recertifying Maryland Green Schools

<b>ANNE ARUNDEL</b>		<b>GARRETT</b>	
Eagle Cove School (Formerly Gibson Island)	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert	Dennett Road Elementary School	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert
<b>BALTIMORE COUNTY</b>		Route Forty Elementary	Model
Ascension School	Model	Swan Meadow School	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert
Berkshire Elementary	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert	Yough Glades Elementary School	Model
Dundalk High School	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert	<b>HARFORD</b>	
Dundalk Middle School	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert	Hickory Elementary	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert
Hereford Middle School	2 <sup>nd</sup> Re-Cert	Youth's Benefit Elementary School	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert
Hillcrest Elementary School	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert	<b>HOWARD</b>	
Loch Raven Technical Academy	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert	Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School	2 <sup>nd</sup> Re-Cert
Pine Grove Middle School	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert	West Friendship Elementary School	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert
<b>BALTIMORE CITY</b>		<b>MONTGOMERY</b>	
Cross Country ES	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert	North Chevy Chase Elementary School	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert
<b>CALVERT</b>		<b>ST. MARY'S</b>	
Northern Middle School	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert	Hollywood Elementary	Model
Huntingtown Elementary	Model	Oakville Elementary School	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert
Patuxent Elementary	Model	<b>WASHINGTON</b>	
<b>CARROLL</b>		Western Heights Middle School	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert
Mt. Airy Elementary	1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Cert	<b>WORCESTER</b>	
		Pocomoke Elementary	2 <sup>nd</sup> Re-Cert

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