



2019 Prize Winners

Kindergarten - 2nd grade

1st place

Mount Pleasant Elementary School's "Team Turner"



Focused on reducing single-use plastic, especially plastic bags.

Created a children's book to read to other classes in the school.
Distributed reusable snack containers (250) to 2nd and 4th grade.
Estimated to have reduced yearly plastic bag use in the school by 100,000 units.

2nd place

Mount Pleasant Elementary School's "Moore Panamanian Plastic Savers"



Focused on reducing single-use plastic use, especially plastic bottles.

Collected disposable plastic bottles (over 4,000) and raised awareness of the negative impacts of disposable plastics on wildlife. Bottles were turned into a greenhouse for the school to start seedlings.
Raised over \$2,700.00 through their campaigns and fundraisers and were able to purchase reusable bottles for every single student in the school.

3rd place

Broad Street School's "Broad Street Compost Crusaders "



Focused on a composting campaign in their school and surrounding community.

Used vermicomposting and held workshops, partnering with NJAS (New Jersey Agricultural Society). Composting was used to set up a new vegetable garden which will also mentor the rest of the school in healthy eating. Also put on a performance of "Guam Kingfisher Rhapsody".

3rd - 5th grade

1st place

Upper Providence & Oaks Elementary Schools' "Unless Kingfisher Oaks, Unless GLT UPE "



Focused on a broad campaign centered around reducing single-use plastic and plastic water pollution.

Started a recycling and plastic awareness campaign in the school and local community, including writing and performing a play. Had 3 local restaurants pledge to stop straw use. Collected upcycled products to send to Appalachian Wildlife Refuge to help rehab animals. Raised funds (over \$3,600.00) for 2 hydration stations that will be installed in the schools soon.

2nd place

Bells Elementary School's "Trash Trackers"



Focused on reducing landfill waste by increasing recycling rates in the school.

Created a recycling center in the school accessible to the entire community. Focused on unconventional recyclable items, such as plastic bags, plastic water bottles, plastic lids, plastic markers, eyeglasses, ink cartridges, and cell phones.

In total, collected about 400 plastic bags, 6,309 markers, and hundreds of caps and lids for recycling.

3rd place

Twin Hills Elementary School's "Golden Warriors"



Focused on recycling milk cartons in the school.

Through a combination of awareness videos and posters and school board appeals, they were able to recycle 1,425 gallons of milk cartons during the campaign.

Additionally, by selling recycled paper beads, they were able to raise over \$300 to plant trees for wild tamarins.

6th - 8th grade

1st place

Newtown Middle School's "The Forgotten 2: #rethink #refuse"



Focused on a broad campaign of plastic reduction, especially bags and straws.

Collected almost 9,000 bags from the community to be recycled and eliminated the use of 1,200 plastic straws. Used social media to spread awareness.

Created a digital manual on how to run a plastic reduction campaign for schools and distributed it to all 512 school districts in Pennsylvania.

2nd place

Media-Providence Friends School's "NoTOADious H.O.P."



Focused on eliminating microplastic and other plastic waste from water.

Created the #stopsucking campaign to eliminate straws from the community. Wrote letters to many businesses and corporations, including Wawa, to ask them to go straw-free for Shark Week. Also organized a climate march on March 15th at the Media, PA, Courthouse.

Purchased two water-bottle stations for the school to reduce plastic waste.

3rd place

Ocean Township Intermediate School's "OTIS Adventures"



Focused on protecting water quality through sustainable community agriculture.

Assessed local water quality through testing, as well as raising local tadpoles in the classroom during the project. Other projects included creating personal hydroponic systems, aquaponic systems, aeroponic systems, individual greenhouses, and plastic bag repurposing. Partnered with Rutgers University to share resources. Created systems which generate 90% less waste water than traditional systems.

A total of 200 hydroponics and 600 greenhouses were built with community members and distributed with the goal of not only reducing water waste, but also assisting with sustainable food sourcing.

9th - 12th Grade

1st place

Maple Shade High School



Focused on reducing landfill waste through a comprehensive awareness program.

Combined a social media presence with community outreach. Convinced LAMAR advertising to donate 3 digital billboards along I-95 and I-295 between Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Organized a “Week of Awareness” in the school.

Reached out to local restaurants and had 5 pledge to go straw-free. Organizing a cleanup of local Steinhauer Pond and are installing an upcycled statue of the kingfisher by the pond. In total, their efforts are thought to have engaged 8.7 million people.

2nd place

Odyssey Charter School's "#Save the Bat, Ban the Bag"



Focused on reducing the use of plastic bags in the community and the state.

School did not have any significant recycling program, but the students were able to put one in place and collect plastic bags for recycling. Collected over 450 lbs. of recyclable plastic in one month. Legislated for a state-wide plastic bag ban at the Legislative Hall in Dover, Delaware. Bill will be up for the vote this year.

3rd place

Haddon Township High School



Focused on reducing the use of plastic bags.

Collected t-shirts and cloth to create reusable shopping bags to distribute to the community. Partnered with elementary children to help make the bags. Over 250 t-shirts were made into reusable tote bags, t-shirt yarn, and cleaning rags. From the sale of 115 reusable bags, raised \$287.50 to benefit the “Save the Golden Lion Tamarin” organization.