



2022 Prize Winners

Kindergarten - 2nd grade

1st place

Mifflin Park Penguin Protectors

The Mifflin Park Penguin Protectors were busy creating commercials to teach about the Humboldt penguin to share on social media, raised money to clean up the ocean, contacted local businesses asking them to decrease their use of single use straws, and hosted a Trash 2 Treasure contest.



2nd place

Mount Pleasant Elementary School's Team Turner

Team Turner hoped to reduce the amount of plastic waste to help the Humboldt penguins. They collected 1000 plastic bags to be turned into plastic furniture and worked together to write a book to share information about penguins.

3rd place

Hilton Elementary School's Fierce Frogs

The Fierce Frogs grew in confidence as they created a video encouraging others to conserve electricity for Atlantic Coastal Leopard Frogs, and shared their video with the schools and leadership within their school district!

Honorable Mention

Governor Charles Stratton School's Goldies

The Goldies worked to help Golden Lion Tamarins by making posters and creating a catchy song all about the 5 R's to help to reduce waste! Made connections

Honorable Mention

Cardinal Foley Regional School's 2nd graders

Donna Contino's 2nd grade class learned all about Golden Lion Tamarins to share with their school community. They also created a presentation that was shared at the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Science and Art Expo for more ways to learn about Golden Lion Tamarins, water conservation, and bees!

3rd - 5th grade

1st place

Fallsington and Oxford Valley Elementary Schools's Planet Protectors

The Planet Protectors hoped to show their communities how to “reduce waste in the first place” for Humboldt Penguins. With their posters, bulletin boards, and videos, they’ve already seen an increase in use of reusable water bottles in both schools! They also tackled their lack of recycling program with their school district and Waste Management.



2nd place

Dallas Intermediate School's Butterfly Baristas

The Butterfly Baristas spread awareness about Monarch butterfly habitats by reaching out to schools, businesses, along the Monarch migration route, encouraging them to create Butterfly Cafes. These gardens would create habitats for these invertebrates on their journey from Canada to Mexico. This month the baristas are finishing up a butterfly cafe of their own!



3rd place

Cumru Elementary School's Batty Biologists

Cumru's Batty Biologists worked to educate their school and community about the endangered Rodrigues Fruit Bat by creating “Batty Billboards” around the school sharing ways to use less energy. They compared the Rodrigues Fruit Bat to native species, and looked to protect bats in both locations through social media, challenges to reduce energy, fundraisers, and presentations to the whole district.



Honorable Mention

Quarry Hill Elementary School's Humboldt Heroes

The Humboldt Heroes worked to reduce the amount of plastic on behalf of Humboldt penguins by installing more water bottle filling stations, setting up water bottle recycling bins, and switching to biodegradable trays and utensils in their cafeteria. They also hosted a district wide Zero Waste Day involving all the schools in addition to numerous businesses, and immediately saw a reduction in the trash produced!



Honorable Mention

William H Loesche's L.E.A.P.ers of Loesche

The Lovely L.E.A.P.ers of Loesche worked to protect Monarch butterflies through informative presentations and videos, that they shared with all of the students within their school. They planted critical habitat for monarch butterflies, supplies native milkweed seeds to every classroom, and even started caring for monarch caterpillars to release.

6th - 8th grade

1st place

Ocean Township Intermediate School's Soil Suckers

The Soil Suckers became passionate on reducing waste, particularly because of their proximity to a landfill. They used videos and displays to teach their school about recycling and composting, and started to incorporate these systems to support their lunches. They also worked to reuse and repurpose many otherwise non-recyclable items to be turned into benches, shopping bags, garden supplies, and artwork!

2nd place

Ocean Township Intermediate School's Pollination Protectors

The Pollination Protectors looked into protect local bats and insects in honor of the Rodrigues Fruit Bat. They identified and removed invasive species around their school, and built healthy habitats out of recycled materials including bat houses and a bug hotel. To continue spreading awareness, the students made brochures showing community members to build their own habitats, and are working on publishing a book on Amazon!



3rd place

Newtown Middle School's One Drop of Water

One Drop of Water group created the two-song challenge to limit shower times, created a podcast focused on water conservation, and hosted clothing drives to reduce water waste through clothing production - they've saved an estimated 1.8 million gallons of water so far! Their efforts will leave a legacy as they work with Planet Aide to collaborate on developing curriculum to promote environmental action, build social emotional skills, and build community.



Honorable Mention

Grant School's Funky Monkeys

The Funky Monkey UNLESS Ambassadors got hundreds of people across the globe involved in a "Walk for the Trees," in which they challenged participants to walk for 1 second for every Golden Lion Tamarin that remains in the wild today!



Honorable Mention

Independence Charter School West's Wildcats

The Wildcats kicked off the first campaign at their school to support the Humboldt Penguins. They got creative teaching the many students in their school with PowerPoint presentations, games, raps, dances, marches through the school, posters, large scale murals, and waste turned into artwork.



Honorable Mention

Grant School's GLT Troopers

The GLT Troopers created read alouds, slideshows, online games, traditional board games, and eco-friendly decorations for the holidays to inform their school about the Golden Lion Tamarin and the issues they face. They sought out the district administration on their own to strengthen the district's recycling program!

9th - 12th Grade

1st place

Maple Shade High School

The students at Maple Shade High School worked to spread community awareness to reduce waste and support healthy habitats for monarchs and other pollinators with 3 billboards, t-shirt sales, kindness rocks, trivia games, and sales for upcycled mugs with pollinator garden starters. They also took action by creating seed balls, and forming plans to create a greenhouse and reinstate their composting program!



2nd place

Upper Dublin High School's The Monarchs

The Monarchs worked to tackle many of the challenges their school community faced including climate change, natural disasters, and the consequences of COVID 19. They created an oasis, called The Hive, to "Regenerate the Environment, Restore Mental Health and Reconnect the Community." The Hive includes repurposed items and pollinator gardens, and students have already worked to inform others on the importance of protecting pollinators through lessons and creation of hundreds of seed balls.



3rd place

Haddon Township High School

The students of Haddon Township High School chose to reduce waste for the monarch butterfly, especially because of the stop over site for these migrating butterflies in Cape May, NJ. They collected over 64 pounds of plastic bottle caps, and created a weather-resistant art installation for many passersbys to see. Students also grew milkweed plants to be distributed to community members

**Honorable Mention**

Northern Burlington County Regional High School's NB UNLESS

The NB UNLESS team's goal was to advocate for habitats near and far by planning an email and telephone campaign to lobby local and state representatives to protect farmlands. Students recently hosted a clean up day in their community as well as a trivia night to help spread awareness and take action!

Honorable Mention

Community Academy of Philadelphia's Golden Bruins

The Golden Bruins improved their recycling program at their school by talking to each class, supplying each room with a recycling bin, and creating posters in different languages to help students recycle properly. The students have already started exploring other initiatives such as reducing waste at the school store, in classrooms, and in the cafeteria.