

Green Decade's All School Green Team Committee

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Mission Statement

We are an ever-growing, self-appointed (open) group of parents and school staff who are part of their school's Green Team or are interested in starting Green activities in their schools.

We meet during the school year in members' homes to share successful green projects and best practice ideas. We support one another in person and online to create change in our school communities by leading and through student empowerment.

Project Themes and Examples

Resource Efficiency:

- **Classroom and Cafeteria recycling**
- **Zero Waste Days and Green Wednesdays**
- **Classroom and Cafeteria composting**
- **Walk and Bike to School**
- **Catalog Reduction Challenge**
- **Crayon Recycling**
- **5th Grade Energy Teams**
- **Terracycle Juice Pouch Recycling**
- **Recycling and Minimizing Trash at PTO Events**
- **Fundraising through selling zero waste items**

Green Classrooms and Gardens:

- **Collaboration with Newton Community Farms**
- **Collaboration with Whitson's Food Service**
- **Outdoor learning environments**
- **School garden planning, planting and teaching**
- **5th Grade Leadership Opportunities**
- **Kids Take Action / BOOYA**
- **5th Graders as Classroom Educators / Detectives**
- **Green Artists**
- **Groovy Green Fashion Show**
- **Green Decade Art and Essay Contests**

Recruitment

Please be on or help us recruit parents and teachers to represent their schools on the committee and to help guide and inspire green initiatives. Please contact Eric Bobby ericpbobby@hotmail.com or Emily Gelbert emily@bestshine.com if interested in learning more.

Catalog Cancellation Challenge

A district-wide event to be held in November. Details forthcoming.

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