

DEER TRACKS

Green Team Newsletter

We are proud to share some exciting news from the Deer Park Green Team! Deer Park has achieved Silver Status Certification with the <u>National Wildlife Foundation's EcoSchoolsUS</u> initiative! Within this system, Silver is a the second of four certifications we aim to achieve over the next few years; our student leaders' tremendous efforts allowed them to skip over the first step (bronze status), and go straight to the second.

We could not be any prouder of our wonderful student leaders, and the school community's commitment to seeing this through. There is more work to be done, but this represents an important milestone for our school and community. Be on the lookout for our end-of-year newsletter with a brief survey on the Green Team's next steps. We look forward to building on this auspicious recognition and wildly successful school year in the years ahead!



THE GREEN TEAM'S Recycling Initiative

The DP Recycling Initiative started back in November. After months of developing the plan and communicating throughout the school, students put their plans into action. As of April 1st, 2024, the Green Team had recycled the equivalent of 78 trees in paper and cardboard! Next year, we hope to achieve even more with this important initiative.



One of the Green Team's first priorities was to write a mission statement that reflects our mission and goals:

We are the Deer Park Green Team. We help make our school a better place by understanding the environment around us, and making it better. We will promote healthy living and positive environmental choices throughout the Deer Park community. We do these things to understand and improve the environment around us, and help the animals who live around us too.



Please scan to fill out our community input survey!

Questions? Comments? Please email us at:

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A Message from Our Student Leaders

"Something we love about the Green Team is that we get to teach students at a younger ages how to help the environment and keep our school clean. We teach classes what and what not to recycle so they understand only certain things can be recycled. The teachers who organize the Green Team are very helpful and make sure things run smoothly and we know what to do. Something amazing we've accomplished is from when we started recycling to April 1st we have saved 78 trees! That's just some of the reasons why we like Green Team and want to do it again next year!"

By Carly and Kayla