Green Team Newsletter SPRING 2025

GREEN TEAM ECO CODE

The Green Team Eco Code is our mission statement. It explains who we are and what we do:

We are the students and staff of Deer Park elementary school. We help make our school community a better place by understanding the environment around us, and making it better. We promote healthy living and positive environmental choices throughout the Deer Park community. We do these things to understand and improve the environment around us, so the plants and animals can thrive too.

CELEBRATE DEER PARK

The Green Team was thrilled to participate in Celebrate Deer Park on Tuesday, May 6th! Our student-leaders lined the halls between the Theatre and Gym with colorful displays explaining what we have been up to, a "Green Screen" documentary played in the Dominion Theatre, and we had fun Healthy Living fitness stations going in the Gym. Thank you for coming by to support the Green Team, and for helping us Celebrate Deer Park!

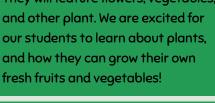
THE START OF COMPOSTING

Mr. Johnson is leading our awesome third grade students in a new composting initiative! Our third graders helped assemble the composters, and utilize them everyday by adding compostable lunch waste at the end of lunch. The products of these composting efforts will eventually help create quality soil for the garden beds we hope to build this quarter!

GARDENS ARE COMING

This spring, we are looking to add four new garden raised beds between the mod and the track.

They will feature flowers, vegetables,





questions? suggestions?

looking to be involved?

Please email Mr. Wallace or Mrs. Marco! mdwallace@fcps.edu | jmmarco@fcps.edu

RECYCLING

The Green Team is continuing our student-led recycling program that was started last year. This year, we have expanded to include milk cartons, plastics, and cardboard!

Green Team students go around the building every Tuesday and Friday to collect recycling and take it to the large bin outside. Sixth grade student-leaders collect milk cartons daily, after lunches have finished.



Deer Park has achieved Silver Status Certification with the National Wildlife Foundation's EcoSchoolsUS initiative. Within this system. Silver is the third of five certifications we aim to achieve over the next few years.



WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

Wednesday, May 7th was Deer Park's semi-annual Walk and Bike to school day. Walking or riding your bike to school is a great way to get in some exercise and promote healthy living, and helps reduce our carbon footprint.