



MAEOE

Maryland Association for Environmental
& Outdoor Education

Maryland Green Schools Newsletter - Spring 2021

*Updates and information on the Maryland Green
Schools Program, MAEOE events and much more!*

It's hard to believe, but it's almost spring! Even though it's been a challenging year, educators, administrators, and environmental organizations across Maryland have continued to create new and innovative ways of reaching students and continued the learning process through outdoor exploration and investigation. As educators and students return to the classroom across Maryland, we encourage you to check out our resources for [information](#) and [opportunities](#) to use the school grounds as an extension of the classroom, which is supported by the MSDE Recovery Plan and the CDC guidelines.

Our first virtual MAEOE Conference, "Climate, Nature, People and Education - It's All Connected" welcomed over 400 attendees between February 3-7! This session packed week was filled with panels, speakers and events focused on many topics including climate education and environmental literacy. We were overwhelmed with gratitude and appreciation with the community building that occurred in this virtual landscape.

This week, Green Schools and Centers will submit their applications for the nationally recognized Maryland Green Schools Program. Through this program, schools and centers empower youth to make changes to reduce

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MAEOE Trainings/Events

**3/17 & 3/18: Application
Reviewer Training:** 1-2PM &
5-6PM; **SIGN UP HERE!**

**Wednesdays in March: PLT
E-Unit Trainings:** 11:30AM-
12:30PM & 3:30-4:30PM

April 5: Green Leader Meeting:

Connect w/Green Leaders from
across MD; 4-4:30 PM;

environmental impact, encourage sustainability and foster environmental literacy. If you are interested in getting more involved with this program, [check out the Green Leader page on the MAEOE website.](#)

We have lots of virtual events and trainings planned for the spring, so make sure you are connected with us through email, Facebook, Instagram and/or Twitter. Your participation in events and/or through a MAEOE membership helps us to support you and your work more effectively.

Camille, Elana, Laura, and Mary
MAEOE Staff

[Green School Program Updates](#)

Key Dates:

- **3/17:** Green School/Center Applications Due
- **3/17 & 3/18:** [Application Reviewer Training Sessions](#)
- **3/22 - 4/9:** Application Review Process
- **4/9 - 4/16:** Application Review Finalization & Follow Up
- **End of April (TBD):** Green School/Center Award Announcements
- **May (TBD):** [Youth Summit](#)

[Meet a Local Environmentalist](#)

As the Citizen Science & Stewardship Coordinator at Jug Bay Wetlands, Liana Vitali's efforts towards environmental education has sent ripples throughout Maryland and

RSVP HERE!

April (2 dates TBD) & May (2 dates TBD):

DEIJ Speaker Series

11:30-12:30 PM

This 4-part DEIJ Symposium Series will be held this spring. Topics include:

- Accessibility & Affordability- Mental Health & Disabilities
 - Food Injustice-Food Deserts/Urban Gardeners
 - Air Quality & Community Health
 - Creating Safe & Welcoming Spaces Outdoors
- ([check the MAEOE calendar for updates](#))

April 20: MAEOE Member Night: Biodiversity & the City Nature Challenge; 7-8:30PM

[EnviroTips](#)

[Check out the Featured EnviroTips here!](#)

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beyond. [Read more about Liana's greatest accomplishments here!](#)

Here's a sneak peek:

- Screen-free, outdoor focused programming
- The Bay Invaders Project
- Jan Hollman Environmental Education Award

[Resources and Opportunities](#)

Click on the links below to get more information!

- [Become a Green Leader](#): Green Leader info session recording, [Green Leader interest form](#), and information on Green Leader meetings.
- [PLT Facilitator Opportunity](#): Click the link if you are a PLT facilitator interested in earning a stipend to review an E-Unit.
- [Programs for Students](#): Lots of info on In-School and Out-of-School Programs for students. Tell us about your programs and resources by [completing this form](#).
- [Professional Development Opportunities](#): Lots of training opportunities from providers across MD
- [Environmental Education Certification](#): online sessions offered in [Spring](#) and [Summer](#) 2021; Sign up today!
- [MWEE 101 and MWEE 201](#): A two-part course focused on Meaningful Watershed Experiences. Click on the links for more info.
- [MAEOE Resource Library](#): Grants, Home-Based Learning Resources & more!

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[Green School Testimonial](#)

How have your students benefitted from attending a Green School?

[Fill out this form](#) to provide us with a Green School testimonial.

"Our students have become more aware of their impact on the environment both positive and negative. They started holding themselves, friends and family accountable. The students have become more proactive."

Mark Sandy, 3rd Grade Teacher

Mt. Rainier Elementary School, MD

