



GreenKids

Montgomery County Application

2010-2011 School Year

GreenKids is an educational outreach partnership program of the Audubon Naturalist Society and the Montgomery County Public Schools. Participation in the two-year GreenKids program entitles your school to:

- Classroom visits from *GreenKids* naturalists to teach environmental lessons and help teachers plan and integrate environmental education activities into the existing curriculum
- Green school teacher training session for the entire staff
- Support for your SERT program
- \$500 in lead teacher stipends per year
- \$500 field trip subsidy per year
- \$500 per year fund for school infrastructure projects such as habitat gardens
- Assistance in attracting community partners to support environmental activities
- Assistance in applying for Maryland Green School Certification from the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education
- Support and resources as a member of the *GreenKids* Network upon completion of the two-year program

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

1. All Montgomery County, Maryland public schools are eligible with the exception of those schools that have already completed a two-year *GreenKids* partnership cycle.
2. Applications must be complete, including Parts I, II, III, and IV. Applications must include the principal's signature on the Cover Sheet and the Requirements Checklist.
3. Send your application (via e-mail, US Postal Service, UPS or FedEx) to:
GreenKids
Audubon Naturalist Society
8940 Jones Mill Road
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
greenkids@audubonnaturalist.org
4. If submitting electronically, please indicate that signatures have been provided by typing names where required and including the line, "signature submitted electronically."

REVIEW PROCESS

Each application will be reviewed by a panel of educators. Only complete applications will be reviewed. If the review panel has questions about an application, the principal of the applying school will be contacted. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the school year but must be received no later than March 1, 2010 to be considered for the 2010-2011 school year. Schools will be notified of their status by April 15, 2010. Notifications will be sent to the principal.

QUESTIONS

Questions about the application or review process should be referred to:

Diane Lill, GreenKids Project Director
greenkids@audubonnaturalist.org



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PART I: COVER SHEET

School Name: **Cedar Grove Elementary**

School Address: **24001 Ridge Road**

Germantown, MD 20876

Principal: **Lee Derby**

Community Superintendent: **Adrian Talley**

Phone: **301-253-7000**

MCPS Cluster: **Clarksburg/Damascus**

E-mail: **Lee_F_Derby@mcpsmd.org**

Grade Levels: **K - 5**

Does your school have a science resource teacher? YES NO (circle one) A science lab? YES
NO

Cedar Grove has a Science Lead Teacher Our lab has been created in an empty classroom.

- I have reviewed the information in this application and certify that to the best of my knowledge it is accurate.**

Lee Derby Signature Submitted Electronically

March 1, 2010

Principal's signature

Date

Preparation of the Application:

GreenKids would like applying schools to demonstrate that they have commitment to the program from the administration, staff and parents. Please include names and titles of representatives of those groups who have participated in the completion of this application.

| Name: | Position or Title: |
|--------------------------|--|
| Lee Derby | Principal |
| Lori Rolston | Science Lead Teacher; 4th Grade Teacher |
| Karina Hirschhorn | Media Specialist |
| Claire Gardner | 2nd Grade Teacher |
| Gary Coeburn | Building Service Manager |
| Tracey Greene | Building Service Night Manager |
| Catie Ladas | Student, SGA President |
| Kaitin Campos | Student |
| | PTA |

Please see attachment.

PART II: SUMMARY OF YOUR SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT TO GREENKIDS

Please answer each section, 1 through 6, with a concise, 3-5 sentence "snapshot" of your school. Answers to Part II should not exceed one page in total. We don't expect your school to be 'green' already. We do expect you to demonstrate a willingness to participate fully in the program as outlined below.

1. Describe the physical surroundings of your school.
2. Describe how your school uses (or would like to use) the schoolyard and other outdoor areas for environmental education.
3. Describe the ways your administration, teaching staff, building services staff, students and parents would participate in the program.
4. Describe ways your school community would like to grow in the area of environmental education.
5. Explain ways that your school could provide environmental education outreach to the surrounding community (e.g. PTA meetings, school presentations at community events, neighborhood outreach, partnerships with local businesses, etc.)
6. Summarize the demographics of your school.

PART III: REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST FOR PARTICIPATION IN *GreenKids*

Please certify that your school agrees to meet the following program requirements for each year of the two-year partnership period. **CHECK EVERY BOX.**

Requirement 1 - Curriculum and Instruction

- ✓ Make time for *GreenKids* activities in every classroom, at every grade level.
- ✓ Assign one teacher per grade level to act as *GreenKids* scheduling coordinator for that grade.
- ✓ Assign up to four *GreenKids* Lead Teachers to coordinate whole-school environmental activities.

Requirement 2 – Professional Development

- ✓ Schedule a 25-minute *GreenKids* teacher training session for the entire staff annually.
- ✓ Encourage teachers to receive professional development in environmental education.

Requirement 3 – Infrastructure Development

- ✓ Commit to developing new, on-site resources that might include nature trails, butterfly gardens, rain barrels, compost stations and other structures to support environmental learning.
- ✓ Commit to changing or revitalizing school procedures to emphasize energy conservation, water conservation, habitat restoration, erosion reduction and solid waste reduction.

Requirement 4 – Community Outreach

- ✓ Host or participate in community events to encourage environmental education such as Arbor Day, Earth Day, the Audubon Naturalist Society Nature Fair, and others.

I have reviewed the Requirements Checklist and certify that our school agrees to meet all of the *GreenKids* program requirements.

Lee Derby Signature Electronically Submitted

March 1, 2010

Principal's signature

Date

Please see attachment.

Part IV: COMMITMENT LETTERS

Please submit **one paragraph (no longer than 300 words), signed, commitment letters** from representatives of each of the following groups. Commitment letters should describe how each representative expects their group to support the school's participation in *GreenKids*. Letters should touch on any unique qualifications, experience or resources that group members bring to the school community.

PTA To be sent as separate attachment

- ✓ **Teachers**
- ✓ **Principal**
- ✓ **Building Services**
- ✓ **Students**