



Special award for Eastern Branch Schools!



Recognizing youth as environmental river stewards.

Students grow native plants for Elizabeth River restoration sites.

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Did you know...

there are over 200 schools in the Elizabeth River watershed and YOUR school is one!

- **The Elizabeth River Project's goal is to recognize ALL schools** for environmental achievements.
- **Last year we recognized 178 River Star Schools** for projects related to pollution prevention and/or habitat enhancement that included an education component and a positive impact on the Elizabeth River.
- **Your project could have taken 1 day, a week, a month or all year.**

Examples: Water monitoring, oyster gardening, plant & wildlife identification, projects that address flooding/sea level rise, worm composting, recycling, field investigations, science projects, eco-art, poetry, journaling, literature, clean-ups, plantings, outdoor classrooms, letters to community/legislators, butterfly gardens, native plants, wetland activities, water/life cycle activities, seed collection, river history, Native American history, maritime history, import/export activities, watershed, storm drains, air pollution, habitats, rain gardens, migration, theatre, astronomy, navigation, tides, Earth Day activities, exhibits, environmental clubs, environmental literacy and river stewardship.



Students identify aquatic animals like periwinkle snails.

- **Just fill out the attached form** and mail, email or fax by April 22. The sooner the better so we can prepare awards. If you don't plan to implement your project until after Earth Day...that's o.k. Just explain what you plan to do.
- **Special award for Eastern Branch Schools:** Is your school located on the Eastern Branch of the Elizabeth River? To help improve the Eastern Branch's water quality, Elizabeth River Project received a 3-year grant award from The National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, to encourage Eastern Branch schools to implement hands-on, student projects on school grounds. Three Eastern Branch schools (one each year) will be recognized for exemplary reductions of pollution and/or creation of wildlife habitat or climate adaptation projects and receive \$125 and special award. **(See Eastern Branch Application)**

WHAT IS A RIVER STAR SCHOOL?

A River Star School is a school/youth organization that implements a project in pollution prevention or habitat enhancement and has an education value that benefits the Elizabeth River or its watershed. The project can be small or large and could take one day to all year to complete. The River Star School program is based on the school year, with the expectation that most schools will commit to the program at the beginning of the school year. Around April 21st summaries of projects are turned into Elizabeth River Project and reviewed. Schools are notified in May of decisions and awards are then mailed or delivered to schools. River Star Schools are recognized with a medallion and certificate. You can request a certificate for each student or one just for the school. If your school has participated in the program for more than one year and goes above and beyond, you could be recognized as a Model level school and receive a banner.



Students perform water quality tests.

WHO CAN BE A RIVER STAR SCHOOL?

Any school in the four Elizabeth River watershed cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, and Virginia Beach may participate or outside the watershed provided they make the connection between their project and the Elizabeth River.

BENEFITS

- Elizabeth River cleanup efforts progress
- Community recognition
- Standards of Learning objectives addressed
- Opportunity for service learning

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HOW TO GET STARTED? **Plan a project, implement and let us thank you.**

For more information visit www.elizabethriver.org or contact Robin Dunbar, Deputy Director, Education Elizabeth River Project, 475 Water St., C103A, Portsmouth, VA 23704 rdunbar@elizabethriver.org 757-392-7132.



What did you do for YOUR home river?

DUE Earth Day – April 22 (flexible date)

(Option to complete online if you choose: elizabethriver.org)

School _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

Teacher _____ Email _____

of students that participated _____ Grade _____

Phone # _____

Were you trying to be recognized as a Model Level school? YES (circle)

Model level requires you have participated in the program at least 1 year already and you went above and beyond this year, you included an educational component in the classroom or mentored to another school or another grade within the school.

Would you like 1 school certificate? YES (circle) If you want student certificates how many _____

Would you like Princess Elizabeth to present your school's plaque at an award ceremony? YES (circle) Email date of event when you know.

In 100 words or less describe the activity you accomplished. Most schools turn in 1 paragraph. Feel free to use the back of this sheet or attach a separate sheet. **Thank you!**



2015-2016 Congratulations! 178 schools/youth organizations are recognized as River Stars for implementing conservation, restoration and/or habitat enhancement projects. Eighty-three schools met Model Level going above and beyond and more than one year in the program and ninety-five met Achievement Level for projects like oyster gardening, wetland plantings, litter clean-ups, recycling, water quality and more.

MODEL LEVEL

Atlantic Shores Christian School
Azalea Gardens Middle School
Booker T. Washington High School
Brandon Middle School
Camelot Elementary
Camp E. W. Young
Campostella Elementary
CBF's – Jenny S.
Centerville Elementary
Christopher Academy
Christ the King Catholic School
Churchland High School
Churchland Preschool Center
Corporate Landing Middle School
Crossroads Elementary - NEW
Cub Scout Pack 421
Deep Creek Middle School
Deer Park Elementary
ENVIROBASE Aquarius
Fairfield Elementary
Ghent Montessori School
Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast
Granby Elementary
Great Bridge Intermediate
Great Bridge Middle School
Greenbrier Intermediate School
Greenbrier Middle School
Greenbrier Primary
G W Carver Intermediate
Hickory Elementary
Hickory Middle School
Indian River Middle School
Jackson Memorial Preschool
Jacox Elementary
James Blair Middle - NEW
Kemps Landing Old Donation
Kempsville Elementary
Kempsville High School
Kingston Elementary
Landstown High School
Larchmont Elementary
Lindenwood Elementary
Maury High School
Mount Hermon Preschool
Nansemond Suffolk Academy Lower & Upper
Nauticus Junior Scientists Club

New Castle Elementary
Norfolk Academy
Norfolk Christian Lower School
Norfolk Collegiate Lower School
Norfolk Highlands Primary
Norview Elementary
Oceanair Elementary
Ocean Lakes Elementary
Ocean View Elementary
Oyster Reef Keepers
Park View Elementary
Parkway Elementary
Portsmouth Catholic Regional School
Portsmouth STEM High School Program
Providence Elementary
St. Gregory the Great School
St. Patrick Catholic School
St. Pius X School
Sherwood Forest Elementary
Simonsdale Presbyterian Preschool
Sparrow Road Intermediate School
Suburban Park Elementary
Tallwood High School
Tarrallton Elementary
The Williams School
Tidewater Park Elementary
Trinity Lutheran School
Truitt Intermediate School - NEW
Western Branch High School - NEW
Western Branch Intermediate
Western Branch Middle School
Western Branch Primary
W.H. Taylor Elementary
Willard Model Elementary
William E. Waters Middle School
Woodrow Wilson High School
Woodstock Elementary



ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL

Academy of Discovery at Lakewood - NEW
Academy of International Studies at Rosemont
Arrowhead Elementary
Bayview Elementary
Bettie F. Williams Elementary - NEW
Boy Scout Troop 207
Boy Scout Pack 212
Boy Scout Pack 862
Brighton Elementary
Butts Road Intermediate
Camp Allen Elementary
Cedar Road Elementary
Chesapeake Montessori - New
Chesterfield Academy
Churchland Academy
Churchland Elementary
Churchland Middle School
Churchland Primary
Coleman Place Elementary
Cradock Middle School
Creation Explorers Home School
Crestwood Intermediate
Crestwood Middle - New
Deep Creek Central
Deep Creek Elementary
Deep Creek High School - New
Douglass Park Elementary
Emily Spong Preschool
E.W. Chittum Elementary
Fairlawn Elementary
Friends Home School
G.A. Treakle Elementary
Georgetown Primary
Ghent Elementary
Girl Scout Troop 565
Girl Scout Troop 919 - New
Girl Scout Troop 1708
Granby High School
Grandy Village Learning Center Preschool
Grassfield Elementary
Grassfield High School - New
Greenbrier Christian Academy
Greenbrier Enrichment Center - New
Hampton Roads Home School
Hebrew Academy of Tidewater - New
Hodges Manor Elementary
Hugo A. Owens Middle School
I.C. Norcom High School
Indian Lakes Elementary
Ingleside Elementary
James Hurst Elementary
James Monroe Elementary
John Tyler Elementary
Jolliff Middle School

Kempsville Middle School
Lake Taylor High School
Lakeview Elementary
Landstown Governor's STEM & Technology
Academy -NEW
Larrymore Elementary
Little Creek Elementary
Mary Calcott Elementary
Montessori Academy of Virginia
Montessori Children's House
Norfolk Collegiate Middle & Upper School
Norfolk Technical Center
Norview High School
Norview Middle School
Northside Middle School
Ohel Sholom Temple School - New
Olive Branch Elementary
P.B. Young, Sr. Elementary
Poplar Hall Elementary
Portsmouth Christian
Pruden Center
Rena B. Wright Primary
Richard Bowling Elementary
Riverside Elementary – New
Rosemont Forest Elementary - New
St. Helena Elementary
Sewells Point Elementary
S.H. Clarke
Simonsdale Elementary
Southeastern Elementary
Southwestern Elementary
Tanners Creek Elementary
Thurgood Marshall Elementary
T.C.C. – Camp Osprey
Victory Elementary
Virginia Aquarium
Westhaven Elementary
West Ghent School
White Oaks Elementary - New
W.H. Ruffner Academy
Willoughby Elementary
Young Life – Paradise Creek Nature Park
Ambassadors

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DUE Earth Day – April 22

(Can't be completed on-line. Sorry for any inconvenience.)

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Is your school located in Elizabeth River's Eastern Branch watershed? Yes No (circle)
See attached school list. If not listed, but you think you are in the watershed, let us know.

In 100 words or less, describe the activity you accomplished. Most schools turn in 1 paragraph. Feel free to use the back of this sheet or attach a separate sheet. **Thank you!**

Eastern Branch Schools

1. Arrowhead Elementary School – Achievement Level
2. Atlantic Shores Christian School – Model Level
3. Booker T. Washington High School – Model Level
4. Bowling Park Elementary School
5. Brandon Middle – Model Level
6. Campostella Elementary School – Model Level
7. Chesapeake Bay Academy
8. Chesterfield Academy – Achievement Level
9. College Park Elementary
10. Cornerstone Christian
11. Fairfield Elementary – Model Level
12. Fairlawn Elementary – Achievement Level
13. Georgetown Primary – Achievement Level
14. Greenbrier Intermediate – Model Level
15. Greenbrier Middle – Model Level
16. Greenbrier Montessori
17. Greenbrier Primary – Model Level
18. Hebrew Academy of Tidewater – Achievement Level
19. Ingleside Elementary – Achievement Level
20. Indian River High
21. Indian River Middle – Model Level
22. Kempsville Elementary – Model Level
23. Kempsville Middle – Achievement Level
24. Kempsville High – Model Level
25. Lake Taylor High – Achievement Level
26. Norfolk Highlands Primary – Model Level
27. Norfolk Academy – Model Level
28. Norfolk Technical Center – Achievement Level
29. Point O’View Elementary
30. Poplar Halls Elementary – Achievement Level
31. Providence Elementary – Model Level
32. Renaissance Academy
33. Richard Bowling Elementary – Achievement Level
34. Rock Church Academy
35. Sparrow Road Intermediate – Model Level
36. St. Helena Elementary – Achievement Level
37. St Matthews
38. Tallwood Elementary
39. Tallwood High School – Model Level
40. Thurgood Marshall Elementary – Achievement Level
41. Tidewater Park Elementary – Model Level
42. William H. Ruffner Middle School – Achievement Level
43. Woodstock Elementary School – Model Level

