

EARTHSMART NEWS

Cincinnati, Ohio

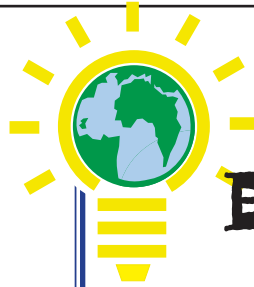
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Cincinnati Public Schools Students Receive EarthSmart Awards

Awards were presented today to students from thirteen Cincinnati Public Schools who successfully completed the EarthSmart Institute. The EarthSmart Institute provides students with outdoor experiences designed to encourage creativity, problem solving, build confidence, boost academic performance and also increase students' awareness of their impact upon their community and the Earth.

Certificates acknowledging the EarthSmart Awards were proudly presented to graduates of this innovative program by Cincinnati Public Schools' Superintendent Mary Ronan. Graduates were congratulated by Ohio Governor Ted Strickland and Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory for their achievements, which include:

- Recording their observations about local plants, animals, insects, weather, and environmental conditions through a series of Nature in the Neighborhood activities.
- Analyzing their daily activities at home and at school to determine how they can reduce energy consumption. As a part of this, students were asked to track the Journey of a T-Shirt to understand what kind of energy is expended in the creation and distribution of the products we buy.
- Participating in community service activities like Every Litter Bit Helps where students helped to clean up the areas around their school and learned which materials were recyclable.



EarthSmart Award

is a Credit to the Planet!

*Let it be known on this 26th day of June
in the year 2009 that this individual has shown
great effort and wisdom in the study
of our environment and the interdependence
of all living things. Go forth and share what
you have learned for the good of your family,
your community and your world.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary A. Ronan'.

Mary A. Ronan, Superintendent, Cincinnati Public Schools

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Mallory'.

Mark Mallory, Mayor, City of Cincinnati

Through their successful completion of these activities, students of the EarthSmart Institute have demonstrated superior skills of observation and an understanding of the relationship between their behavior and the environment. They also practiced environmental stewardship using their creativity, problem solving, and math and science skills.