

PTO Eco Committee Newsletter

WINTER 2022



ONE SMALL STEP CHALLENGE

Shop local and reduce your eco footprint at the Greater Goods Refillery in downtown Manasquan! The Eco Committee *challenges* you to take **"One Small Step"** and replace one, single-use home or body item with a refillable good. **We have partnered with GGR to offer Brielle families a 10% discount on liquid refills through 12/24/22.**

Shop Friday, January 6th - Sunday, January 8th, 2023 and be sure to mention BES Eco Committee! A portion of sales will benefit sustainability initiatives at BES. **See attached GGR e-Flyer for more information and details.**



Former BES parents Laura Teza and Andrea Schuett (above) helped establish zero-waste and sustainability initiatives at BES ten years ago. Today, they continue to make an impact as co-owners of the new, Greater Goods Refillery in downtown Manasquan.

SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT:

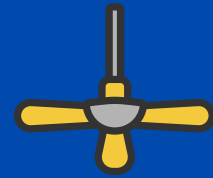
DECLAN SMITH

Students in Mr. Yee's Fall Eco Class observed seasonal changes in the garden, measured rainfall, spotted butterflies, birds, and ladybugs, and harvested sunflower seeds. The class also planted mums in the courtyard, which were purchased through the Brielle Booster Club Fall Fundraiser. Plants and seeds will be left in place to winter over and provide food and shelter for wildlife.



Second grader Declan Smith (above with ladybugs) talked to us about his experience at Eco Class. Declan told us that his favorite part of Eco Class was getting to use the microscopes in Mr. Yee's lab. He learned that *you can still plant seeds from dead flowers* and shared that sunflowers are his favorite flowers from our school's National Wildlife Federation Certified plant and pollinator garden.

WINTER ECO TIP



SAVE ENERGY

Heat Rises! Switch your ceiling fans to rotate counterclockwise and push warm air down into the rest of the room.

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