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## Earth Day is Here!



At Grades of Green, every day feels like Earth Day! We empower and work with student Eco-Leaders who motivate people around the world to address the climate crisis and environmental injustice year-round. On this Earth Day, we hope you are inspired to care for our planet by supporting our student teams taking action around the globe.

Time is running out! We only need \$4,800 in donations to reach our Earth Appeal goal of \$20,000 by the end of Earth Day. That's tomorrow! Your support directly empowers student Eco-Leaders to change the planet for the greener - for us all! Our students believe it's time to come together to

help protect and sustain our one and only Mother Earth - we hope you do too!

Donate if you ❤️ Mother Earth

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## Eco-Leaders in Action

### Roots Closer to Home

Today we celebrate the fantastic international projects going on at Grades of Green, but first we bring you back to where it all started: Grand View Elementary in Manhattan Beach, California. Thirteen years ago, Grades of Green first introduced fun, hands on projects to teach students how to care for the planet. Today, the Grand View students are still playing for environmental keeps. At this year's STEAM Expo, Grand View students shared an interactive game to teach classmates (and adults too!) about Ocean Pollution. From a small community in Manhattan Beach California, to around the world, our students continue to change the environment for the Greener!



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## International Waste Warriors

The students at the Malezi Community Centre Primary School in Nairobi, Kenya have been hard at work to reduce the amount of waste in their community. Illegal waste dumping has caused major health and environmental harm in their community for years. To address and combat this major threat to a clean and healthy future, student changemakers jumped in to solve the problem by educating their community on the benefits of proper waste management. They also spearheaded multiple events to clean their city and created a rooftop garden to source their own crops. We are so proud of these future leaders implementing multiple problem solving strategies to make a big impact!



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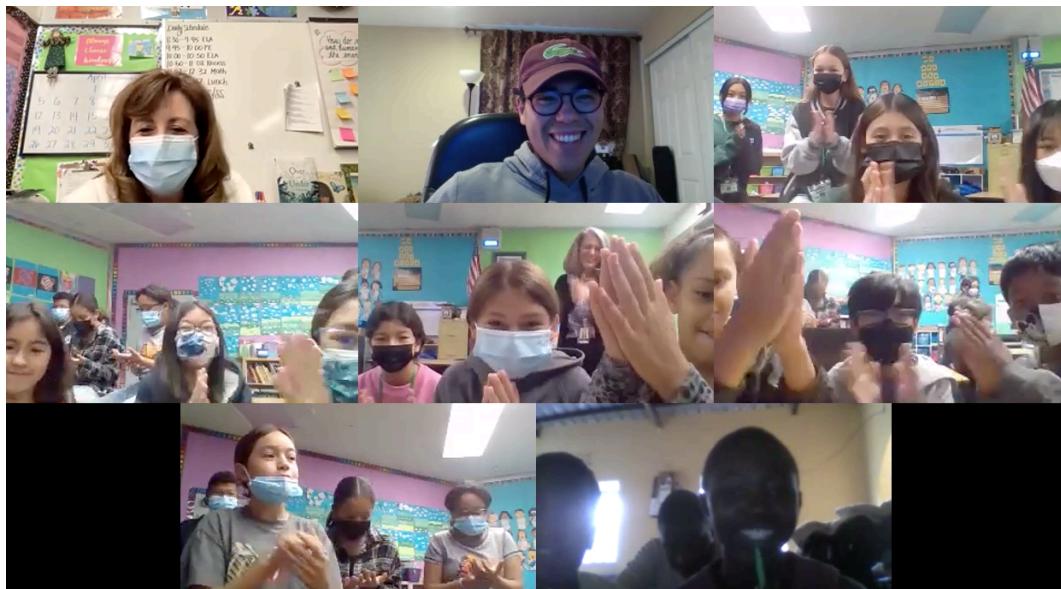
## United Through Tree Planting

Grades of Green Eco-Leaders have branched



out to tree planting projects as a way to positively impact the environment. Mary Bragg Elementary in Cerritos, California partnered with the Matungu Community Development Charity in Nairobi, Kenya to reach their tree planting goals while learning more about each other and their very different communities through Zoom meetings.

Working with [Tree Plenish](#), the Mary Bragg Green Team sold over 140 trees to plant throughout their community while the Matungu Community Development Charity just finished planting 5005 trees. Together, they are making an incredible global impact and we are excited to support them as their roots take hold!



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## Meatless Monday Campaign

It's easy to get things cooking! Just ask the motivated and healthy team from Buea, Cameroon. @bueagreen has been utilizing our Launch Eco-Toolkit ["Meatless Monday"](#) to challenge their community to eat meatless on Mondays through a social media campaign. Their informative and mouth watering posts include loads of tips on how to go meatless as well as

inspiring photos, meal ideas, and reminders of how we can all reduce our meat consumption. This is all to support greenhouse gas reduction and to work towards a more sustainable and delicious future. Way to heat it up, Buea Green Team!



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## Launch Program Updates

### Toolkit of the Month: Meatless Mondays

Introducing our Newest Segment — Toolkit of the Month!

Moving forward, our newsletters will now highlight one of our fun and impactful Eco-Toolkits available through Grades of Green's [Launch program](#). Educators and students use these flight-ready project toolkits to create long-lasting environmental impact — and so can you!

Let's go Meatless! We can all follow the lead of Team Buea and make a difference. This month we feature our Toolkit of the Month, "Meatless Monday", written in partnership with [Meatless Monday of the Monday](#).

[Campaigns](#). Learn more about this month's featured toolkit, and remember it's good for you AND the planet!



[Learn more about the Meatless Monday Toolkit](#)

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## Launch Toolkits Aligned with NGSS

Did you know that all of our Launch Eco-Toolkits are now aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)? The [Next Generation Science Standards](#) are K-12 science content standards that set the expectations for what students should know and be able to do. The NGSS were developed to improve science education for all students and our NGSS aligned Launch Toolkits are fully accessible and free to all online!



[Check out our Launch Eco-Toolkits!](#)

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