

# Eco Team - End of the Year Report!

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## 2022-2023 School Year

The EcoTeam was created this year as a part of the Ecoschools program that required a student-led Ecoteam to help undertake the pathways and move the school to a more sustainable path. The current members joined because we want to inform people about current issues and solutions and make a difference at Princeton Montessori. We are still establishing ourselves but we've managed to accomplish a lot. (See accomplishments below). We are looking forward to next year and you can see our plans below.

## Accomplishments :

EcoTeam members have made multiple videos highlighting the importance of waste consumption, composting, recycling, and invasive species in our area. The videos have helped educate students and teachers about our school and what we're doing to improve the community and our environment. Another achievement to note is that we have made progress in clearing out the invasive species from our woods. We also helped the school earn the Ecoschools Green Flag Award, which is the highest-ranking Ecoschools award and it is highly unusual for a school to receive this award in their first year. We are the first Montessori school in New Jersey to be awarded the green flag!

## Recruitment :

The EcoTeam is interested in new members who are passionate about informing others and making a difference. Those who join should be motivated enough to put effort in. If you'd like to join the EcoTeam, be willing to work with others and listen to others' opinions. Keep in mind that the EcoTeam is in addition to regular schoolwork.

## Goals For Next Year :

Our first year as an EcoTeam was a learning experience as we established our roles and figured out what to prioritize and how to best work together. We became increasingly productive and look forward to working even more effectively in the upcoming year. The EcoTeam plans to teach younger students and possibly faculty/administrators on issues in our school related to the environment, and how to resolve them. We also plan to recruit more members to help us accomplish our goals.