

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WITHIN THE HAWTHORNE SCHOOLS
An Annual Presentation to
The Hawthorne Environmental Commission
Monday, June 8, 2009– 7:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Robert Maggio, Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Joe Wojtecki, Pat Hutzelman, Carmen Ruta, Stacey Fiorina

- I. **Welcome** – *Ms. Rayna Laiosa*– Chairperson of the Environmental Commission

- II. **Introduction to Cel-Earth-Bratton XVII** – *Power Point Presentation by Environmental Commission*

- III. **Hawthorne High School**
Ecology Club Events:
Mr. Crimmel, Advisor: Mark Costello and Brianna Rose

- IV. **Jefferson Elementary School**
Rainforest Destruction:
Mrs. Fisher's Grade 3: Alex DiFilippo
Vanishing Species:
Mrs. Fisher's Grade 3: Brittany Foley
Biomes of the World: Biomes are defined as "the world's major communities, classified according to the predominant vegetation and characterized by adaptations of organisms to that particular environment". The importance of biomes cannot be overestimated. Biomes have changed and moved many times during the history of life on Earth. More recently, human activities have drastically altered these communities. Thus, conservation and preservation of biomes should be a major concern to all.
Mrs. Ruben's Grade 5: Jenna Albanese, Danny Cassini, Kelsey Cimillo, Zachary Hulmes, Erika La Monaca, Leah Matari, Jayme Trilling, Joey Calamusa, Adham Helwani and Shana Isaac.

- V. **Roosevelt Elementary School**
Save the Frogs:
Mrs. Ponte's Kindergarten: Katherine Browne, Sean Gordon, Quincy Hines, Rebecca Reilly and Gianna Scola
Kids to Kids:
Mr. Patula's Grade 3: Fazli Hida and Rachel Zuckerberg
Meadowlands Environmental Center:
Mrs. Drexler's Grade 3: Franko Otero and Nikki Schuldt
Cel-Earth-Bratton:
Mrs. DiSerio's Grade 3: Blake Dailey and Rocco Pecoraro
Endangered Species:
Miss Laforet's Grade 3: Peter Iachetti and Kristen Little
Pennies for the Planet:
Mrs. Mearon's Grade 3: Gillian Pezzuti and Dominic Scola

VI. Washington Elementary School

Kids to Kids:

Mrs. O'Hara's Grade 3: Freddy Mola and Carly Weinstein

Ms. Spinelli's Grade 3: Veronika Alvarez and Benjamin Surat

VII. Lincoln Middle School

Ecology Club Events:

Mrs. Hoogerhyde, Advisor

VIII. Award Presentations – *Ms. Laiosa and Mayor Goldberg*

IX. Closing Remarks

Environmental Commission Meeting Discussion

A) Former Hawthorne Spring Property -Realty Acquisition Group – Property owner has requested permission from the Borough Attorney to start the construction of the new building without a NFA letter issued. The Environmental Commission is working with Borough Attorney on this matter. The Commission provided to Borough Attorney the environmental concern letter dated February 16, 2009 that was sent to the Planning Board. In the letter, the Environmental Commission states further investigation is needed for soil and specific groundwater criteria must be developed.

Since the February 16, 2009 letter, has the RAG conducted further soil and groundwater investigation? What are the results? The Environmental Commission has not receive any further documentation regarding our comments. I have a copy of the remediation agreement that was submitted to NJDEP dated in January 2009.

Please provide me with an updated on their remediation investigation to adequately address your proposed question.

The Environmental Commission is waiting for the remedial reports.

B) Wal-mart grant announcement to the winners the week of June 15, 2009. Press release on Monday June 22, 2009 in Trenton from the Governor.

C) Reminder Green Team Meeting – June 15, 2009 at the Hawthorne Library at 7:30 pm