

Algonquin Middle School



DATE: April 18, 2019

TO: Michael Ouimet

FROM: Rob Messia

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RAM", is written over the printed name "Rob Messia".

RE: Donation from Air and Waste Management Association

The Education Committee for the Eastern New York Chapter of the Air and Waste Management Association recently provided a donation to Algonquin science teachers Daniele Matice and Jenna Wood to support an upcoming Science 6 activity these teachers have developed entitled "Exploring Insect Ecosystems."

The donation is in the form of a check in the amount of \$750.00.

We thank Ms. Matice and Ms. Wood for their creativity in developing an outstanding application to this organization and for seeking funding opportunities to support teaching and learning in our school.

I recommend that this generous donation be placed on the next Board of Education agenda.

Thank you.



**AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION**

**EASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER
MID-ATLANTIC STATES SECTION**

April 5, 2019

Ms. Daniele Matice & Ms. Jenna Wood
Algonquin Middle School
333 NY 351
Averill Park, NY 12018

Dear Ms. Matice & Ms. Wood:

Congratulations! The Education Committee for the Eastern New York Chapter (Mid-Atlantic States Section) of the Air & Waste Management Association (AWMA) is pleased to inform you that your "Exploring Insect Ecosystems" project has been chosen to receive an Earth Day Grant. Your project was one of twenty-six grants awarded by the Eastern New York AWMA Chapter from the strongest fields of applicants we have seen in the program's 18-year history.

Enclosed please find a check for the amount of \$750.00 to cover your project expenses as requested in your grant application. Projects like this that allow students to expand their knowledge of the environment are of great value, and we applaud your educational efforts and dedication. Twenty-six grants totaling over \$17,452 were awarded, with 23 out of 26 projects receiving full requested funding. This year's grant recipients are listed below.

<u>School</u>	<u>Project</u>
Algonquin Middle School	Exploring Insect Ecosystems
Arlington High School	Measuring & Reducing Energy Use in Our Homes
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Bradt Primary School	Bradt "Green Team"
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Jackson Heights Elementary School	Jackson Heights Sprouts (Tower Garden)
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Maplebrook Academy High School	Weather Station
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Northern Adirondack Elementary School	Packaging Design
Oak Hill School	The Oak Hill Community Garden
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Questar III-Rensselaer Educational Center	Sustainability and "Menus for Change" in Food Service Programs
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Ticonderoga High School	Sentinel Growers

To maintain eligibility for future awards, we are once again requiring that all grant award winners provide a report showing the results of your project (with photos if possible). We are always looking to collect data on the environmental benefits of the awarded grants, and any such available data should be included within the summary report. The Eastern New York AWMA Chapter would like to share our grant program success with our Mid-Atlantic States Section, as well as the AWMA International organization. Your feedback will also be used to demonstrate the value of their donations to our sponsors, and to help expand our funding possibilities in the future. Earth Day Grant submissions to AWMA including photographs, exhibits, videos, etc. become the property of AWMA and may be used to publicize the Earth Day grant program, including posting on the internet, at public events, or by other means. Submissions will not be returned. Please send your project report by e-mail to enyawmaec@gmail.com or via mail to Eastern NY AWMA, PO Box 1851 Latham, NY 12110.

Beginning in 2007, we implemented an additional element to the program in which teachers and/or students from a few of the grant winning schools were invited to attend a lunchtime program and address the group on how they utilized their grant money and/or to present the results of their project. This program has been a great success, and we would like to encourage your interest (teacher and/or students) in presenting during a future local AWMA meeting, if possible. If you have any questions or if you might be interested in presenting at our AWMA meeting (*Albany area in mid-November 2018*), please contact the Education Committee via email at enyawmaec@gmail.com.

Funding for the Grant Program was provided by the Eastern New York AWMA Chapter and several local members/member companies: Platinum Level Sponsor (\$1,000+): Foundation for Engineering Education; Silver Level Sponsors (\$250-999): Dave Roecker and Stewart's Shops Holiday Match Program; and Bronze Level Sponsors (\$50-249): Sander Bonvell, Bob Duff, Cris Hine, Paul Rappleyea, and Andrea Simmons.

As part of our fundraising efforts for the Grant Program, proceeds from the 7th Annual Peter B. Desrochers Memorial Golf Tournament (held in September 2018, ±\$9,355) included sponsorships from Adirondack Environmental Services, Inc.; ACV Enviro; Alpha Analytical; APTIM; Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.; Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.; CHA Companies; Chemtech Consulting Group, Inc.; Con-Test Analytical Laboratory; Corbett Industrial Cleaning Services; Covanta Environmental Solutions; C.T. Male Associates; EDR; Environmental Risk Information Services; Eurofins Eaton Analytical, Inc.; Geotech Environmental Equipment, Inc.; Harris Beach, PLLC; Highground Industrial; Kubricky Construction Corp.; Nixon Peabody; O'Brien & Gere; Pace Analytical; Paradigm Environmental Services; Parratt Wolff, Inc.; TestAmerica; Trinity Consultants; Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP; Young/Sommer LLC; and Bob Duff.

Please feel free to contact the Committee via email at enyawmaec@gmail.com if you have any questions. For more information on our programs and details regarding our annual golf tournament which supports this program, visit our website at www.awmaneny.org.

Sincerely,

2019 Eastern New York Air & Waste Management Association Education Committee

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MID-ATLANTIC STATES SECTION**

April 5, 2019

Ms. Janine Gatus
Miller Hill Elementary School
8448 Miller Hill Road
Averill Park, NY 12018

Dear Ms. Gatus:

Congratulations! The Education Committee for the Eastern New York Chapter (Mid-Atlantic States Section) of the Air & Waste Management Association (AWMA) is pleased to inform you that your "Next Generation Science Kit" project in conjunction with West Sand Lake and Poestenkill Elementary Schools has been chosen to receive an Earth Day Grant. Your project was one of twenty-six grants awarded by the Eastern New York AWMA Chapter from the strongest fields of applicants we have seen in the program's 18-year history.

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