

PEARL HOMES CONTINUED

Lago Mar

Barbara B. Walker
Rhonda Rechkemmer

Lake Shores

Chris Ler
C. Valleroli
Abby Balderson
Michelle RedBow

Lakeview

Carolyn Weems
Courtney Mickiewicz
Daniel & Sarah Miles
Jane Mitchell

Lakewood

Linda David

Larkspur

Thomas B. Cunningham
Erica Whitley
Cheryl C. Dzengeleski

Linkhorn

Laura Lilieberg
Betsy and Dave Goode

Linlier

Mary K. Sawyer

Little England

Elear & Bill Brown

Little Neck

Amy and Scott Goodove
Feliberti Family
Bryan Rex
Daryl Mitchell

Lynnbrook Landing

Matt Froestad

Lynndale Estates

Jennifer Teague

Lynnhaven Colony

Donna Rennick
Wayne Bryan
Beverly Boler
Lauren McGill
Joseph Pierzynski
Scott & Camela Lowery
Elmer Quinn
Joseph Miller

Lynnhaven Forest

John & Rebecca Saunders

Lynnhaven Woods

Josie Sprague
Ken & Diana Veazey

Malibu

Nicholas & Barbara Kimpan

Marina Shores

Tyler Carmack

Mariner's Landing

Ali Fortier

Matthew's Green

Debbie Henslee

Meadow Ridge

Richard Fleming
James & Jackie Butler

Middle Plantation

Jing He
Monica Roestenberg
Scott Levin
Mary Schulte

New Castle

Mary B. Phillips

Newsome Farms

William Harmor

Nichols Park

David Dirlam

North End

Susan Ippolito
Laura Yoakam
Sande McLaughlin
Holly Korte
Christopher & Victoria Vacaer
Maria Miglioretti
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Drew
Carol & Michael Dovan
Katie Hand
Kristin Isfeld
Janet Azar
Gayle Johnson
F. Dudley & Connie Fulton
Diana M. Shocket
Elizabeth Heischober

Oak Springs

Dan Porter

Ocean Lakes

Tyra
Joyce Worthey
Tagen Sirk
Hailey Evans

Ocean Park

Tim Solanic
Adam Farmer
Rachel Clark
Joanne & Todd Parker
Dione Boecker
George Jones
Marian Atterberry
Rob & Melissa Waddell
Mike Namisnak
Jennifer Concepcion
Chris Lana

Oceanfront

Stafford Craymer

Overlook Point

Chantel Firman

Pecan Gardens

Juanita M. Demastus

Pelican Dunes

Lisa Doyle
Myra Jessie Flint

Pembroke

Deborah Cassa
Jennifer Eller
Amber D'Antonio
Amber Lovejoy
Mary

Pine Meadows

Ryan Quinn

Pine Ridge

Meghan Raftery
Karen Serogylos
Janet Zitt

Piney Lakes

Misty Pena

Plaza

Debbie Barrigar

Point O'View

Elyana Rose

Poplar Halls

Heather Ure

Port Lock

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Brumm

Port Lyautey

Cynthia Lesch

Princess Anne Hills

Kevin & Elizabeth Hartz

Princess Anne Plaza

Cydnee Nichols
Denise Read

Pungo

Barbara Henley

Reagan Woods

Shann & Ronnie Leonard

Red Mill

The Clevenger Family
John & Catherine Fruit

River Oaks

Whitney Eiban

Robin Hood Forest

Marsha Wallace

Rock Creek

Cheryl Amblin

Rolling Wood

Wendy & Billy Thompson

Rose Hall

Mavion Sofield

Salem

Robyn Toran
Danielle umon
Alacia Nixson

Sandbridge

Richard Dyer

Sandler Lake

Tim & Paige Barrow

Sea Breeze Farms

Sonya McKechnie

Shadowlawn

Christy Alire

Jim Perkins
Tom Stahl

Shelton Circle

Jill Johnson

Sherry Park

Randall & Doris Wiele

Sherwood Lake

Megan Doty

Shore Drive

Trey Riddle
Mattie & Jim Gallagher

Shorehaven

David & Isabel Lillard
Traci Wagner

South Beach Apartments

Sandy Sumerlin

South Shore Estates

Stephanie Dorsett

Mike Caffyn

Southhall Quarter

Nancy Pond

Southern Points

Robin LaVigne

Laurie Cumming

Lilla Kuper

Strawbridge

The Henderson's

Summerset Lake

Denise Flocker

Thalia

Amy Perkins
Russ Hechinger
Betty Anne Ward
Lynn Holmbeck
Carolyn & Bill Scullion
Stephen & Gretchen Benda

Thoroughgood

The Jabs Family
Marianne Littel
Mark Tyler
Heather Hallberg

Timberlake

Maadira Mobarak
Regina Diacopoulos

Trant Berkshire

Shana Lin
Rebecca Chappell

Wellington Woods

Christine Gorman
Bill Buck
Joanie Grimes

Willoughby

Sasha J. Owen

Wimbleton on the Bay

James Burrirt

Windsor Oaks

Mary Sims
Lily Popovich
Theresa Stogner
Elicarl Orogo
Mandi Fisher
Carrie McGuire
Jackie McPherson
Mackenzie Santo Domingo
Barbara Jones
Haleigh Reitzel

Windsor Woods

Beth Bailey
Jordana Byrd
Rebecca & Rory Belton
Kristy Rotolo

Witchduck Point

Sandra Etheridge

Wolfsnare

Jennifer Belak
John & Kelly Fabre

Woodbridge Pointe

Peggy Tallon

Woods of London Bridge

Kathleen Hamel

No Neighborhood Given

Marylynn Morales
Cuc Shi
James Bonds
Stephanie Rulier
Rhonda Lucas
Kern Penini
Katie Thibault
Linda Morrissey
Kathleen Payton
Alexandria Ayala

Finding "Pearls" in the SOLs

This was a banner year for Pearl Schools! We added nine new schools and now have a total of 58 schools that proudly display the Pearl Schools Banner. Some schools accomplish this by taking part in large programs like "Oyster Gardening" or "Growing Wetlands in the Classroom," while others build and maintain gardens on their school grounds. Still others add sustainability and environmental education to their lesson plans, thus adding Pearl School Points just by teaching the Virginia Beach curriculum. Three such schools are highlighted below:

OCEAN LAKES HIGH SCHOOL

For the teachers and students at Ocean Lakes HS, getting the Pearl School Award is a school-wide project that cuts across many disciplines and ties in nicely with the SOLs and Virginia Beach Objectives.

The teachers at OLHS have found that they can earn points by being a little creative in the way they teach their classes, and by using recycled and repurposing materials in their activities. The PE classes re-used materials to build sustainable cities, clothing and accessories; while the Fashion Marketing teacher had students use recyclables and trash to design and model outfits at the "Lynnhaven Mall Trashion Show." Advanced Art and Sculpting classes used old chairs for an art project and other art classes made use of magazines for self-portrait collages.

Like many schools, Ocean Lakes took on the challenge to educate staff and students about what should and should not be in recycling bins. They went one step further by enlisting the help of the Special Education students to carry out the Green Cup Recycle Challenge. During the four-week Challenge, the school competed for Bin Points by "recycling right" – improving recycling compliance rates and decreasing contamination. Bonus Points could be earned for additional waste reduction efforts such as composting or paperless communications. Weekly bin surveys provided instant feedback on recycling efforts and gave them an opportunity to hone their math and writing skills in a real world situation.

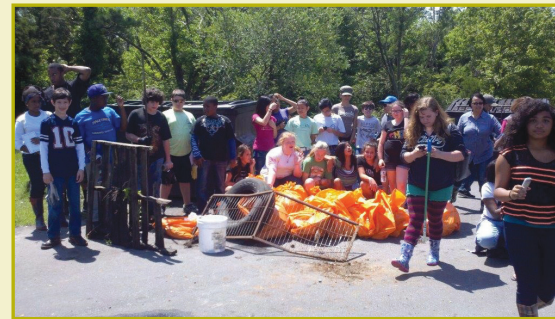
For many years Ocean Lakes High School's AP Environmental and Earth Science teachers have used the wetland plants from the Growing Wetlands in the Classroom as a teaching tool. This year, Laura Woods (AP Environmental) decided to take the program to a new level by having her students use the plants to solve a problem dealing with storm water management. The students built a floating wetland to place in a containment pond at the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD). With help from HRSD and LRNow, the PVC pipe platform is making use of wetland plants to clean and filter the water in this pond. [Continued on page 2](#)



LANDSTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thanks to the efforts of their mentor, Brent Horner, from Landstown HS and the hard work of all the staff and students, we are proud to welcome the addition of Landstown Middle School as a Pearl School. Landstown has added a special room to their school called the STEM room. This room is stocked with old appliances and computers that the students can disassemble and reassemble. These appliances, that normally would be filling the landfill, are giving students a chance to learn first-hand the scientific principles that make them work, helping them to master skills needed to succeed in the 21st century and encouraging the students to become creative thinkers. In another part of the building, Art students made use of old newspapers and other trash to create a way to educate students about trash that pollutes our waterways.

During Landstown's S2 Night-Sustainability and STEM Night, students showed off their projects that work to promote a culture of sustainability and incorporate engineering design processes. This included their robotics team, the Earth Savers Club and a "Trashion Show."



With students taking part in the Tidewater Science Fair, Save the Bay Day, on-going recycling efforts and Adopt-A-Spot, it was easy for Landstown MS to get all the points they needed to become one of our newest Pearl Schools. Congratulations!



BROOKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Brookwood ES became a Pearl School for the first time last year. This year they continued as a Pearl School by weaving sustainability and environmental education across the disciplines and the grade levels. Kindergarteners learn to reuse their milk cartons as planters, and used them to plant flowers to give their families on Mother's Day.

The Art teacher created lessons plans that incorporated the use of re-useable materials and natural materials. Such projects included:

- Kindergarteners making, "biodegradable snowmen" from cornstarch and packing peanuts
- First graders learning about the "Ecosystem of a Garden" and then painting with natural paints made from berries
- Chinese New Year's dragon puppets were made from trash from the cafeteria
- 4th graders created cardboard animal sculptures

Students in the Music classes learn to make instruments from cast-offs. They used brake drums for percussion and paper towel tubes to make shakers.

Grades 1-5 read books and did projects dealing with the three Rs (Reducing, Reusing and Recycling) and then adding the 4th R (Reinventing) to the list.

The fourth graders took part in "Blue Money," a multi-discipline unit on sustainability that combined information literacy, math, science and social studies skills to explore sustainability issues in major river systems.

Lastly, the end of the school year was celebrated by having a Pizza Garden Party using herbs grown by the students in their garden.

As you can see, Pearl School Points can be earned just by teaching with a little imagination and infusing lessons with real world experiences that teach the importance of taking care of the resources we have been given. "Being Green" and "Sustainability" may just seem like current buzz words, but for 58 schools in Virginia Beach, they are deeply embedded in the way they teach and act, both inside and outside their school grounds.



NEW PEARL HOMES

JUNE 16, 2014-DECEMBER 31, 2014

We surpassed our goal of 2014 Pearl Homes by the end of 2014! The winner of the new Pearl Home drawing for tickets to our 2015 Oyster Roast is BRIAN BECKSTED of Kings Grant. Congratulations to Brian and to all of our new Pearl Homes. If your flag is faded or torn, please bring it in to our office and we will give you a bright and shiny new one.

Aeries on the Bay
Nick von Gersdorff
Kimberly K. Sykes
Christina Whitney

Alanton
Sue Beth Hudson & W. Kevin Hunt

Albemarle Acres
Jonathan Scheetz II

Aragona
Alena Waskey
Jane Copeland
Luisa Burroughs
Lisa Athinson

Back Bay
Tanya Ray

Battlefield
Tyler Bucheister

Bay Colony
Esther Vaughan

Bay Island
Joshua Darrow
Ned Salyer
Sandra I. Wetmore
Gail C. Hirder
Colleen Drinkard
Kathy Maston
Trish Mailand
William Schlemmer

Baycliff
Ruth Ciavarra
Rose Bing
Margaret Simmons

Baylake Pines
Nila Faison
Jill and Troy Ivie

Bellamy Mar Estates
Deaner Lawless Jr.
Susan T. Mayo
Ann Farr

Bellwood Meadows
Jackie Collins

Bethesda, MD
Irene Staver

Bowcreek
Charles Monts

Brigadoon
Rebecca Armbruster
Stan & Pat Winner

Brighton on the Bay
Heidi Houston

Broad Bay Island
Joanne Filion
Mark & Beth Anderson
Renate Foxwell

Broad Bay Point Greens
Susan and Stephen Coughlin

Brookegreene Commons
Cristin Pullman

Buckner Farms
Jane Maramba

Camelot at Deep Creek
Lydia P. Villanuevo

Campus East
Melinda Luchun
Susan Gunn

Cape Henry Shores
Tom and Ann Mooney

Cape Story by the Sea
Jessica Hutton

Cardinal Estates
Christina Brown

Carolanne Farms
Jim Butcher

Castleton
Roger and Donna White
Cindy Moye

Cedar Lake Shore
Christy Jordan

Chapel Lake
Chris Bradford

Charlestowne Lakes South
Debbie DeLugo
Selene Guerrero

Chesapeake Beach
Jeanine and Gaylon Montgomery

Chesapeake House on the Bay
Conr McGehee

Chesire
Colleen Carter

Chick's Beach
Adeline & Stewart Smokler
Paul & Natalie Petsu
Carl & Julie Sterzing
Amber Morris-Carr
Maureen Dotson
Kathy & Neal Miller
Jonna-Dawn Walker

Chimney Hill
Keesha Shields
Theresa Auans

Christopher Farms
Susan Moore
Jackson Hartman

Church Point
Kiran Lall-Trial

Colonial Acres
Judy Younger

Courthouse Estates
Lance Oubre

Coventry
Michelle Pickens

Croatian
Colleen Johnson

CSBS
Jim Leary

Cypress Point
Tracy Johnson
Arielle Mays

Diamond Springs
Julie Berry

Dominion Pines/Riverwalk
Elizabeth A. Mehek

Fairfield Forest
Jo Hagerty

Foxfire
Nell Tucker

Gatewood
Terri Zarella

Glenwood
Cara Varela

Gracetown
Hawkeye man

Great Neck Meadows
William T. Tucker

Great Bridge
Sherri Stein

Great Neck
Carolyn McPherson
Joy McClanahan

Great Neck Farms
The Dinges Family
Linda A. Weed
Arlene Wallfred

Great Neck Landing
Michelle McGowan

Great Neck Meadows
Lillian Cooper
Sarah Turgeon
Jennifer Burch
Karen Witham
Charlie & Lauren Bolen
MB Clark
Amy Grogan
Melissa Disher

Great Neck on the Bay
Revant Renukunta

Green Lakes
Daniel Hazelwood



Green Run
Ellen Barton
Rick Tassone
Sam Turner
Laura Alspaugh
Jennifer Roberson
Emily Kotter
Lisa Domalewski

Harbor View
Jeff Holste
Jeff Stonich

Heritage Point
Alfred Pretzl

Hickory
Megan Hord

Holland Meadows
Cassie Dayag

Hunt Club Forest
Michelle Bailey-Pittman & Patrick Pittman

Indian Pointe
Amy Meader

Ingleside
Karin D. Grice

Kempsville
Ann-Marie Sander
Jodie Koch
Aaren Dance
Daniel Maas
Dianne Kucharczk
Candace Blanton
Jill Wright

Kings Forest
Jamie Young
Marie T. Culver

Kings Grant
Alicia Mangels
Linda Spalding
Erin Leavitt Leavitt
Geoffrey Gosik
Courtney Reitzel
Brian Becksted
Chad Foltz
Savannah Pierce