

Green Machine Club Feeds the Birds

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At Patrick Henry Middle School we have a club called Green Machine.

Green Machine is a student led organization. The Green Machine mission is to increase awareness of environmental concerns and encourage others to recycle. The group accomplishes their mission in several different ways. They are in charge of collecting used paper from the middle school and taking it to a recycling center. They have litter collection campaigns, and fundraisers to earn money for landscaping the school. All the activities are created, and organized by 30 eighth grade students.



Mrs. Ballow, Green Machine Advisor states, “the Green Machine is currently a local organization that involves one building. The goal of the group is to expand and include all the buildings in the Patrick Henry School District. Adding used paper collection bins in the other buildings will be one tangible way to increase cognizance of our environment in the district. Creating awareness for environmental causes, and helping to make it as easy as possible to help our environment, is what this group strives for every meeting. “

This year I brought up the idea to put up birdfeeders around the school. Our club advisor, and science teacher, Mrs. Ballow agreed to the idea. We decided to use pine cones with a shortening and peanut butter mixture with mixed birdseed. The Green Machine was pretty optimistic about the plan, and the plan was a huge success. Now, most all of the seed is eaten from about a half of the pine cones. We’re now hoping to add a hopper or tube feeder for outside our class window.

I’m really excited to have this opportunity to share the birds, and hopefully everyone else is excited to see them.

Green Machine Bird Feeding Team



Green Machine Bird Feeder

