

KINGSLEY MONTESSORI SCHOOL STUDENTS GIVE INPUT DURING CCC MEETING

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Kingsley Montessori School students are collecting previously worn socks, t-shirts, and sweat-shirts to be sewn into bedding for shelter animals. The project is one of a multitude of environmentally conscious endeavors that the Climate Change Committee (CCC) has initiated to promote sustainability in their community.

“One of my favorite parts about being in the CCC is knowing that we’re making a difference and inspiring people,” said Nina, 4th grade.

The Climate Change Committee is a devoted group of 1st-6th grade students who meet every other Friday during their lunchtime. The organization emphasizes that anyone can make an impact, regardless of one’s age.

“Everyone has a great mind and understanding of our mission in the CCC, which is to bring awareness to the fact that you don’t have to be a certain age to make a difference in the world,” asserted 5th grader, Alexandra, who enjoys exchange-

ing ideas with classmates. “We partnered with Cradles to Crayons to donate around 130 pajamas from newborn to adult sizes. They’re always accepting donations.”

Founded by students, Alexandra and Josie, two years ago, with guidance by Ms. Robbie Walton, the CCC provides youth with the opportunity to express their suggestions on how friends and family can protect the planet.

During the CCC’s March 11 meeting, students discussed encouraging parents to consider purchasing electric vehicles and other eco-friendly products, as well as installing solar panels to their homes.

Students continue to clean litter in local playgrounds and parks during recess, and hope to soon begin composting at the Kingsley.

“I joined the CCC to know that I am making a difference, even though I am in elementary school,” explained Josie, 5th grade. “I’ll be moving next year, but I hope to bring some version of the CCC to another school.”



Alexandra, 5th grade; Mae, 4th grade; Josie, 5th grade; Ms. Walton; Sarah, 4th grade; and Nina, 4th grade.



Sarah, 4th grade, suggesting recyclable toothpaste containers.



Upper Elementary students recommending sustainable practices.



Climate Change Committee teacher/organizer, Ms. Robbie Walton, leading discussions during the March 11 Climate Change Committee meeting, as Lower Elementary students attend via Zoom.



Upper Elementary students proposing ways to live responsibly.