

Planet Protectors 2018
Final Friday Notes
27 July, 2018



Amazingly, we have already reached the conclusion of our 2018 edition of Planet Protectors! In keeping with our summer theme of clean water, clean shorelines, and protecting our ecosystems, we made a special “clean water cupcake” treat to celebrate the last day. As we decorated, we discussed how the fish, water, and shoreline were all part of the ecosystem, and that if we want to enjoy happy days on the beach, it’s up to us to protect that ecosystem.

Students concluded their weeks of studying ecology, environmental engineering, and materials science this summer with a final test of their best oil spill cleanup process. Cost, effectiveness, and efficiency were all taken into consideration for the the final scoring, and the student in each group who had the best score won a prize! Today, we wrapped up with two videos as a reminder of the dangers of pollution and the hope of recovering a polluted ecosystem. The first was on the Deepwater Horizon BP oil spill in 2010. The second described the Cuyahoga River fire of 1969 and the public outcry that eventually led to the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency. Good discussions about these events continued during our cupcake decorating, believe it or not.

The entire Planet Protectors staff (Ms. Sharon, Ms. Fran, Mr. Logan, Mrs. Rosenberg, Ms. Theresa, and Dr. McKay) have enjoyed spending the month of July with your children! We look forward to seeing many of these students back in September. Students and staff alike will certainly miss those students who are only with us during the summer. Either way, we send your children home confident that their academic skills are sharper, their confidence is greater, and their understanding of their role in protecting this planet is more clear than before they began the Summer 2018 program. We wish everyone a fun and restful August. Meanwhile, the staff will take a well deserved break before returning to Laurel School to prepare for a new and exciting year of academic learning, social development, and fun designed for the dyslexic mind.