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## The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education Announces 2023 Maryland Green School Awards MAEOE Certifies Grace Episcopal Day School as Maryland Green School

Baltimore, Maryland – (April 21, 2023) – The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) is pleased to announce that Grace Episcopal Day School is recognized as a Recertified 2023 Maryland Green School. Maryland Green Schools are part of a national and international community of sustainable green schools. Our students are becoming better stewards of our Earth’s resources and developing a better understanding of their own local environment. There are 642 active Maryland Green Schools, 36% of all Maryland schools.

Despite the challenges of the last few years, teachers and students have continued with school greening efforts. Outdoor learning benefits support interdisciplinary curriculum standards and student engagement.

Over the past two years, our school has demonstrated and documented a continuous effort to integrate sustainable environmental management practices, environmental education curriculum, professional development opportunities, and community engagement into our daily operations. This award signifies that our school has made a commitment to developing stewards of the earth and reducing the environmental impact of our school.

“MAEOE welcomes the 34 new Maryland Green Schools. Our students can encourage others to recycle, plant vegetables and native plants and be more mindful of simple steps like turning off unnecessary lights.” said Laura Johnson Collard, MAEOE executive director. “Young people are increasingly aware of climate change and how their actions impact the community, we can learn from their commitment to making a difference.”

MAEOE will celebrate with Green Schools, Green Centers and schools that are interested in knowing more about the program at the Annual Maryland Green School Youth Summit on May 18, 2023, at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis.

**About MAEOE:** MAEOE is a non-profit organization. MAEOE's mission is to encourage, engage and empower the community to understand, responsibly use and promote the natural world. MAEOE's Maryland Green School program began in 1999. For a complete listing of Green Schools and Green Centers visit [www.maeoe.org](http://www.maeoe.org).

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