

City of Lakewood

SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

2020

DEFENDER OF THE PLANET
YOUTH AWARD



Reducing & Diverting Waste Devinnny Elementary Environmental Club



Students in the Devinnny Elementary Environmental Club are determined to reduce waste in their school and community. Their efforts to reduce waste through recycling and reuse, diverted nearly 6,400 pounds of waste from landfills in the last year. They collected over 150 pounds of hard-to-recycle items, such as foil-lined food wrappers and used makeup containers. They also held an Eco Fair where they collected over 3,000 pounds each of paper and paint products for recycling. Through their participation in TerraCycle's hard-to-recycle collection program, they earned over \$140, which they donated to worldwide environmental causes. The Environmental Club also encourages their classmates to strive for zero waste lunches by using reusable straws, silverware, food containers, water bottles, and cloth napkins, and by diverting single-use containers to be recycled in art classes.

Their hard work diverts items typically destined for the landfill. Leading by example, their actions encourage and educate others.

Achievement Area

Zero Waste



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