

City of Lakewood

SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

2020

DEFENDER OF THE PLANET
YOUTH AWARD



Anti-Idling & Recycling

Dunstan Middle School Planet Patriots



Achievement Areas

- Climate Change & Adaptation
- Zero Waste
- Natural Systems
- Community Cohesion & Public Health
- Energy, Water, & the Built Environment

The Dunstan Middle School Planet Patriots are a passionate group of students motivated to make their school and the greater Green Mountain community an even greener place. To better their community, the Planet Patriots focused on reducing emissions and improving air quality by designing signs that encourage parents to turn off their car engines while waiting to pick up students from school. The Planet Patriots also wanted to reduce waste at their school. To accomplish this, they had to successfully educate other students and custodial staff on the benefits of recycling. Their persistence led to the implementation of a recycling program for two of the three grade-level lunch periods.

The Planet Patriots plan to expand the program to all three lunch periods next year and continue to recruit new students to join their cause. Their determination helps the greater Green Mountain community and Lakewood become a more sustainable and environmentally friendly community.

