

Student Welcome Letter

Dear Students,

Welcome to Wild Treasures! You are invited to participate in an exciting program, one that deals with the real issues that are facing your generation and allows you to make a real impact on your school and your community.

You've probably heard people talk about "sustainability" and "going green," or seen things in the store that claim to be "eco-friendly." These words are all over the place these days, because right now we're at an important moment in history. We are living in ways that risk the ability of future generations to sustain themselves.

You're going to learn to speak the language of sustainability. You'll learn what the "green revolution" means, and you'll decide what sustainability means to you and what it can mean for your school. You'll be the experts, finding ways to change your school for the better and making a real difference in your lives and those of your classmates.

You will look ahead and consider what kind of legacy you want to leave future generations. You will also start to create that legacy now, by changing how your school operates. Over the next nine months, you must complete a series of challenges and advance up a series of levels. Along the way, you'll earn treasure stones for each challenge you successfully complete. If you and your classmates work together to earn enough treasure stones, you can advance to the next level. Ultimately, you could advance up four levels, make a positive difference for your school, and earn a Governor's Sustainability Award. To do that, you will need to do the research, proposal-writing, and action-taking necessary to help your school become more environmentally sustainable.

People are always saying that young people—you—are the leaders of tomorrow. We believe that there's no point in waiting, and no time to wait—you are the leaders of today!

Sincerely,

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