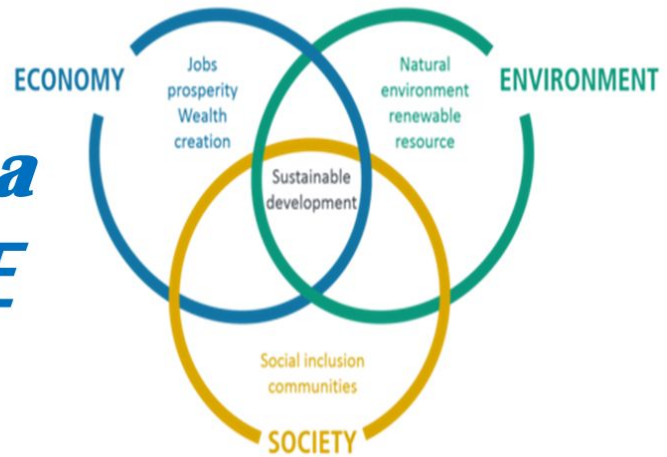


MOUNT ARLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

“The Heart and Future of Our Community”

DISCOVERING SOLUTIONS for a SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



Connecting Community Using Global Applications & Solutions

CLIMATE CHANGE WEEK: A CALL FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

This week the 2019 UN Global Climate Action Award winners are announced.

These innovators are demonstrating that it is possible to manage our resources and be more carbon emissions and earth friendly which in turn protects our planet.

As we wrap up Climate Action week, take a minute to reflect on these ideas and think about how to become an innovator. How can we as a school and a community become better global citizens?

In the category of planetary Health the 4 winners are -

- **Impossible Foods in Singapore and Hong Kong is creating realistic plant-based replacements for meat products.**
- **Alipay in China one of the world’s most popular online payment and lifestyle platform has used the power of its digital technology to plant more than 122 million trees by encouraging their users to reduce their emissions, such as by biking to work, going paperless and buying sustainable products.**

- Ghent, a small city in northwest Belgium, was one of the first European cities to launch its own urban food policy. The policy demonstrates the potential to transform the food systems at the local urban level.
- In Dominica the Electricians Without Borders put forward a solution designed to use renewable energy to secure an “emergency pocket” of power -- supplying six health centers on the island with electricity in the aftermath of a natural disaster.

In the category of Climate Neutral the four winners were:

- In Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Poland, the Swedish restaurant chain, Max Burgers, launched the world’s first “climate positive” menu in June 2018. Each item on Max Burgers’ menu includes a CO2e label, empowering customers to better understand the climate impact of their meal.
- As the largest cosmetics manufacturer in Brazil, Natura is measuring and reducing emissions across its value chain, from the extraction of raw materials right through to their production and distribution.
- Apple is on a mission to make its products without taking from the Earth. It has transitioned to 100% renewable energy for the electricity it uses in its offices, retail stores and data centres in 43 countries across the world, and currently is transitioning its entire supply chain to 100% renewable energy.
- In India: Infosys, India’s second-largest Information Technology company, is one of the first companies of its type to commit to carbon neutrality. With over 229,000 employees and clients in 46 countries, Infosys has sought to address its significant carbon footprint in all aspects of its global operations.

So how can you modify your carbon and eco-footprint? We can all make a difference.

This message is shared by the Mount Arlington School District Green Team which will be seeking student Green Team members as well as parent volunteers on projects.

