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Chesapeake Bay Trust

To whom it may concern;

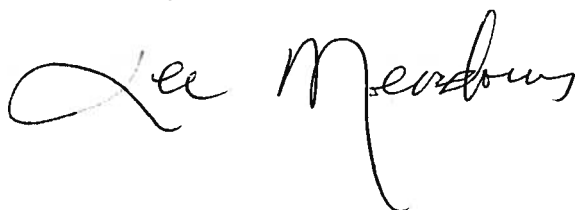
The Ben Oaks Watershed Stewards very much appreciate the assistance of The Baltimore Lab School students over the past year. We have two streams that run through our community into the Severn River. The Lab School Watershed Stewards collected 50 pounds of trash from these streams while conducting stream surveys and reporting water quality and macro invertebrate counts. They also took pictures of a degraded outfall and sent them to the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works. This outfall erosion enabled lots of sand to be deposited at the mouth of the creek and contributed to the flooding of Severnside Drive. The outfall was repaired early this fall.

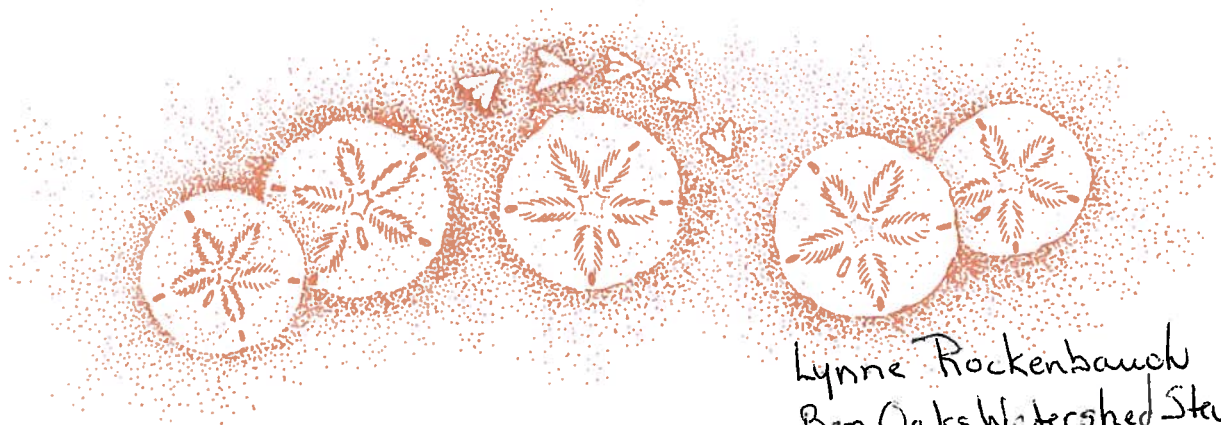
The Severn River Association acknowledges that the Severn River is a beneficiary of the activities of the Baltimore Lab School and, along with the Ben Oaks Watershed Stewards, wholeheartedly supports the Baltimore Lab School Watershed Steward group and their planned activities. We agree that what they learn through these experiences will strengthen their love for the environment and make them great stewards of clean water throughout the rest of their lives.

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Baltimore Lab School Watershed Stewards
c/o Kara Huggins

December 10, 2014

Dear Baltimore Lab School Watershed Stewards:

The Ben Oaks Watershed Stewards very much appreciate your assistance over the past few years. Your efforts have enabled us to plant several shoreline areas that are trapping sediment and looking beautiful. We often get nice comments from neighbors. In this past year, your trash collection from our two streams and the water quality analysis have resulted in special attention from the county for our storm water issues.

We would especially like to call out Tyshell for sending her pictures of the degraded outfall on Cool Spring Branch to the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works. This outfall erosion enabled lots of sand to be deposited at the mouth of the creek and contributed to the flooding of Severnside Drive. This outfall was repaired early this fall. Thank you.

We sincerely hope that your experiences in our community will be the foundation for you as great stewards of clean water for the rest of your lives.

Thank you very sincerely,

Ben Oaks Watershed Stewards

Lynne Roekenbauch
Patti Child

Margie Donohue
Dory Tate

November 29, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

On 2014, we took 18 sixth graders on the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's *Snow Goose* in Baltimore to learn about the Chesapeake Bay. The enthusiasm and dedication of our leaders, John Tapscott and Joceyln Tuttle, was evident in the many meaningful activities they planned for our students. On our trip, we took water samples, dredged for oysters, learned about water pollution, and sang the National Anthem next to the Francis Scott Key buoy as the city prepared for the Star Spangled Spectacular. In addition to being on a boat and being outside all day, an experience that was new for many of our students, they also learned much about the the Chesapeake Bay. Here is a sample of their writing after the trip:

"I learned how to dredge for oysters for the first time." -Caroline C.

"My favorite part of the trip was seeing animals like birds, mud crabs, barnacles, and comb jellies."- Zora C.

"I learned that we have to protect oysters." - Kristen H.

"I liked when I found the worm on the oysters. I also liked touching the oysters." - Kenedi K.

"I saw lots of trash in the water. We should clean it up!"- George W.

"I learned so many things are bad for the water, not just trash."- Lyla S.

"I hope we can go on the *Snow Goose* again soon"- Sutton C.

"It was a super fun trip!"- Natalie K.

Now that our students are more aware of the importance of the Chesapeake Bay and the ways in which we impact it, our school is planning to paint storm drains in our neighborhood. We will review the information on watersheds, rain, and pollution that we learned about on our Chesapeake Bay Foundation trip, and look forward to taking meaningful action in our community.

We would like to thank the Chesapeake Bay Trust for funding this memorable trip, and we hope that it will be able to fund more trips in the future. We appreciate the opportunity to provide such valuable learning experiences for our students.

Sincerely,
Karen Yeoman

Chris Leizear
12/1/14

Karen Noonan Center Island Trip on November 14 to 16

Dear Chesapeake Bat Trust Fund,

I learned about that in the bay is that there are too many animals in it and it's becoming overpopulated and the land at the lodge was going under because of water levels rising. One idea is to have kids pick up trash while on the trip or when they do something bad on the trip. I would like to thank the Chesapeake Bay Trust for funding the trip it was very fun and I liked it a lot. I hope that you guys there continue to fund for us to go another trip next year hopefully.

Sincerely,

Chris

On behalf of the Baltimore Lab School, I would like to thank everyone at the CBF who helped fund the trip to the Karen Noonan Center on November 14 to 16. I couldn't be more grateful. I hope we can continue to do fun things like this under your finance in the future. For a suggestion, I'd like to maybe go on fishing trips to learn more about what my father and I did when I was young. Once again, thank you so much for funding the trip

Sincerely,

Alston Bivens

Thank you for paying for our trip to Karen Noonan Center. I think I learned that islands are dying and we need to protect them. I learned one thing I can do at home to help the bay is to not use a dishwasher to wash dishes. It is important that you keep funding our trips like this so kids at our school can learn about the Chesapeake bay and how to protect it.

Sincerely, Clay

Thank you for funding the field trip to the Karen Noonan center on 11/14/14- 11/16/14. I had fun doing something different on the weekend for a change. I learned that male clams filter an average of 90 gallons of water a day! One idea that I have that can help improve the trip is to offer activities in our green time, we can learn more experiences, learn more about the bay and get more service learning hours. I have one question... Can we keep going on these trips?
Sincerely, Peter VanHasselt.

12/2/14

Dear Bay Trust,

My name is Ben Slowe of the Baltimore Lab School and I appreciate your funding and give my school the opportunity to get out there and help in any way we can. I would like to ask if you keep funding our school so we can keep doing things for the bay and for the city. Thank you for all the things you have given us and I hope you keep funding and making the Bay better for humans and wildlife.

Sincerely,

Ben Slowe

Thank you so much Karen Noonan for letting me have the experience that I had I enjoyed the trip. I learned a lot of things and I had lots of fun I also noticed how important wildlife is and I learned different things to help save the bay. I also learned different ways to help others and communicate with others to get things done. We had lots of adventures on the island and I saw lots of different animals out on the island. I'm so glad I went on this trip I learned that I can recycle more and use less water and paper. Thank you Chesapeake Bay Trust for funding the trip.

From: Kayla Wright

I am from Baltimore Lab School. We went to the Karen Noonan Center on November 14-16. I learned that marsh is a filter. One way to help the Chesapeake Bay is don't flush the toilet when we pee. Thank you for funding our trip to the Karen Noonan Center. May you please fund our trips still?

From: Trey Brown

Thank you for paying for our field trip to the Karen Noonan Center on November 14 to 16. I really enjoyed being able to explore on my own. I even found a giant jellyfish and a big rock of quartz.

Sincerely,

Robyn-Anne Johnson

Baltimore Lab School
Baltimore, Maryland
December 2, 2014

Cheasapeak Bay Trust:

Dear, Cheasapeak Bay Trust

My 8th grade took a field trip to the Aruthur Sherwood Center on December 13, 2014. We got on a boat and explored the water by dragging a net. We found different crabs, fishes, and jelly fishes. So we can talk about the different jobs the animals do for the water. I also learned that the oysters filter the water which is really cool. Also I wish we can keep that going but people seem to have a thing for littering. So one of the things that my school did to help was during the summer they had paint the stormdrains so people won't do that.

Sincerly, Kayla

Kayla Hill

**Baltimore Lab School
Baltimore , Maryland 21218
12-2-14**

Chesapeake Bay Trust

Dear Chesapeake Bay Trust:

On Monday, October 13, 2014 our class went on a field trip to the Arthur Sherwood Study Center. I learned that some birds flew from Canada, and it was really awesome! I also learned that oysters are important to the Bay because they filter the water. My idea for the action is to pick up litter. Thank you for giving us the funds to go on this trip. Please continue to fund our school so that other students and teachers can learn about can learn about the Chesapeake Bay

Sincerely,

Matthew Milhiser

Baltimore Lab School
Baltimore, Maryland 21218
12/2/14

Chesapeake Bay Trust

Dear Chesapeake Bay Trust

I'm a Baltimore Lab School student. Thank you for funding our school's trips to the Chesapeake Bay. The last time I went on the Chesapeake Bay trip I learned that the bay was in trouble. Since we went on that trip, our school has been working to help the Chesapeake Bay. One of the things we have painted storm drain.

Sincerely, Magnus

Magnus Watson

2220 Saint Paul Street
Baltimore, MD 21218
Monday, October, 13 2014

Arthur Sherwood Center

Dear Chesapeake Bay Trust:

I,m a Baltimore Lab School student. Thank you for funding our trips to the bay. I learned new things about the bay and thecreature that live in it. I have alway loved these trips so please send more money.

Sincerely

Sean Rath

Dear Chesapeake Bay Trust:

Thank you for funding the school trips to the Chesapeake Bay. We took a field trip to the Arthur Sherwood Center on October 13, 2014. I learned that oysters are important to the bay because they filter water. I will help the bay by telling people to compost their food to make soil and give back to the earth. Please keep funding the school trips.

From,
Veronica Z.

And keep the water clean.

Baltimore Lab School
Baltimore, MD 21218
December 3, 2014

Dear Chesapeake Bay Trust:

My class took a field trip to the Chesapeake Bay on Monday, October 13, 2014. We went to the Arthur Sherwood Center and was able to go on a boat to explore the bay. I learned that there are many species of animals in the bay and that they need clean water to survive. Thank you for funding this trip. We learned a lot of important things that we could share with the community. We would like to go on more field trips so please keep funding our school.

Sincerely,

Cat D.