

# BALTIMORE LAB SCHOOL

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Laura Burrell Baxter  
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Dear Ms. Baxter,

As the Outdoor Education Coordinator at Baltimore Lab School, I have witnessed, firsthand, the extraordinary impact the Karen Noonan Center has made on our students. Baltimore Lab educates bright students in grades 1-12 with learning differences. Through programs like Outdoor Education and community service initiatives, our students learn to be active members of the community, grow as individuals, and fall in love with the Chesapeake Bay, marshes, and surrounding areas.

Last year, ten high school students studying environmental science embarked on a three-day trip where they traveled to the marsh in southern Dorchester County and experienced the "green building." During this transformative trip, students participated in energy conservation games, explored the native oyster reefs, and studied the islands, aquatic life, and people that surround the Center.

Our environmental science students are scheduled to return to the Karen Noonan Center November 14-16, and cannot wait! There, students will gain knowledge, skills, attitude, and motivation to become stewards of the Chesapeake Bay. Additionally, they'll design action projects to Save the Bay and motivate others to do so.

I encourage you to take a moment to review the photos and comments on the pages that follow to gain a better understanding of just how much the Karen Noonan Center means to Baltimore Lab School, and the countless young students who benefit tremendously from this facility. For additional details, please visit [www.baltimorelabschool.weebly.com](http://www.baltimorelabschool.weebly.com) and [www.greencamera.weebly.com](http://www.greencamera.weebly.com).

Warm regards,



Patricia Child  
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