

Pennsylvania Schools are Rocking the Green Ribbon Program!

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On April 19, the Delaware Valley Green Building Council recognized all 24 schools in their Chapter's region that applied for the Green Ribbon program. Two of them, Radnor Middle School and Springside Chestnut Hill (pictured) were notified on Monday by the U.S. Department of Education that they had been named Green Ribbon Schools! The three USGBC chapters in PA (Green Building Alliance and USGBC Central PA), along with their sponsors, Armstrong World Industries, the American Lung Association and Massaro Construction Management, recognized the PA applicants with a certificate and a check for \$125, to be spent on implementing green practices in their school. A total of 44 schools in Pennsylvania completed the application process for the Green Ribbon Schools Program.

"We're thrilled that Pennsylvania had more applicants than any other state," said Mike Walsh, Deputy Secretary for Administration at the PA Department of Education, "It demonstrates to us that many of our schools really do understand the importance of the three pillars of Green Ribbon: net zero environmental impact, improving the health and performance of students, 100 percent of students are environmentally- and sustainability-literate."

The Delaware Valley Green Building Council will use the Green Ribbon applications to begin to build a catalog of green school stories to share. We know there are so many great green projects happening in schools and we want use all the tools at our disposal to help schools learn from each other.

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