

January 17, 2013 – Bessie Weller Students Win Contest

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Bessie Weller Elementary School has received the wonderful news that the Australian Gum Tree Habitat submission in the “Made By Milk Contest” won in the elementary category! Bessie Weller will receive \$1,500.

In November, a group of Bessie Weller's third grade students began working with Christy Davis, Elementary Differentiation Specialist, on a habitat project to enter in the "Made by Milk" 2012 Carton Construction Contest. The contest, sponsored by Evergreen Packaging, encourages students to be creative by repurposing milk cartons collected from the school's cafeteria, and using at least 100 of them intact to create a piece of art that fits the theme “habitat.” Bessie Weller students used 260 milk cartons to create their Australian Gum Tree Habitat project. The school plans to put the winnings toward the development of an outdoor courtyard at Bessie Weller that can be used for creating bird habitats, butterfly gardens, and outdoor classroom space.

“The students worked very hard and we are so excited to see their efforts rewarded in this way,” said Mr. Bryant, Principal.



Pictured in the photos are Chris Bryant, Principal; Christy Davis, Differentiation Specialist, who led the students through the development and creation of this project; Susan Ellinger, School Nutrition Program Supervisor; Sheldon Wood from Shenandoah's Pride Milk Distributing; and the students who worked on the project: Kathy Rodriguez, Bradley Shaw, Margaret Carbajal, Ameiya Robinson, Jeffrey Claytor Caitlyn Rose and Shellie Simonetti.