



Green News

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There has been a tremendous response to the Green Group in its first few weeks, and exciting events and plans are in the works. Here is what's happening:

- Green Group member Hannah Goldstein, Form IV, is delivering a speech during morning meeting on Monday, April 30. Her talk urges awareness and action on global warming.
- Shelley Hartz is publishing our e-newsletter, currently sent to our membership list. A website and perhaps a blog are in the works.
- The green Group is working closely with Michael Virzi, Director of Facilities, on establishing a comprehensive recycling program at Pingry. A Green Group committee is meeting with Mr. Virzi to work on this.
- A committee led by Dr. Korfhage and Heather Benjamin is organizing a spring event. The plan is to do a flower planting on Saturday, May 19, Alumni Reunion Weekend. A fundraiser is also being discussed.
- The Green Group has secured a large bulletin board in the cafeteria. It will feature environmental and conservation news and things the community can do.
- We are exploring ways to include teaching and learning about environmental issues in the curriculum.
- We are planning to host a series of world-class speakers to address the community and lead workshops. The current list of potential speakers includes three living legends:

J. Michael Fay, Explorer-in-Residence at National Geographic, is world-renowned for his "megatransect" - a sixteen month long scientific expedition charting the remotest jungles of Central Africa. Mr. Fay is the author of the cover story in the March '07 National Geographic.



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Amory Lovins is the founder of the Rocky Mountain Institute which promotes practical solutions to environmental problems. He works with green entrepreneurs to do well while doing good. Mr. Lovins was recently featured in an article in The New Yorker magazine.

Eustace Conway is an innovative conservationist and the founder of Turtle Bay Preservation in South Carolina. His biography, "The Last American Man," by Elizabeth Gilbert, was a bestseller.

One near-term goal is to reach out to the Pingry community, including middle school, lower school, parents, alumni, trustees, and friends and get everyone involved. Send your ideas and comments to <mailto:pdelman@pingry.org>



Check out the following websites for additional information on going **GREEN**:

- <http://www.greeningschools.org/docs/BiodieselUsingRenewableResources.pdf>
- www.stopglobalwarming.org
- <http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=1586>
- <http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=1588>

Practice the 3 R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle