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## SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT: GRADES OF GREEN LAUNCHING GLOBAL WATER CAMPAIGN

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Grades of Green invites Long Beach students to join the fall 2018 global Water Campaign. Grades of Green is a nonprofit created to provide the tools and information needed to empower and inspire students to care for the environment. The organization began in 2009 at a California elementary school by four moms wanting a better world for their children. After receiving an award from the EPA, the co-founders created a non-profit so that other schools would have free and easy access to the tools and information needed to empower and inspire students to care for the environment. They offer 40+ Grades of Green Activities aimed to instill environmental values in students focusing on conserving air, energy, waste, water, or toxins.

With their latest campaign for water conservation, they are asking students around the world to find solutions to local water issues.

The Water Campaign will launch this fall with student teams working to solve local water problems to conserve more water and protect water resources. Student teams will be paired with teams across the globe to support each other's work and learn about the issues faced in different regions. Teams will also have a Grades of Green Mentor to guide them through the process. Students can advocate for changes within their school, neighborhood, or city. Grades of Green aims to have a total of 300 teams around the world participating in the Water Campaign during the fall semester. Participating in the campaign is free to all schools and student groups, and is valued at over \$1,000 in resources provided per group. Registration is open now, student teams can [register online](#) with an adult supervisor.

Once the Water Campaign finishes in the fall, the spring semester will focus on finding solutions for waste reduction through the Waste Campaign. For more information about the Water and Waste Campaigns, check out [www.gradesofgreen.org](http://www.gradesofgreen.org) or email [info@gradesofgreen.org](mailto:info@gradesofgreen.org).

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