

DEANE-PORTER STEM MAKERSPACE

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Deane-Porter's STEM Makerspace program entered a contest with the Monmouth Conservation Foundation to teach kindergartners about local farms and seed germination.

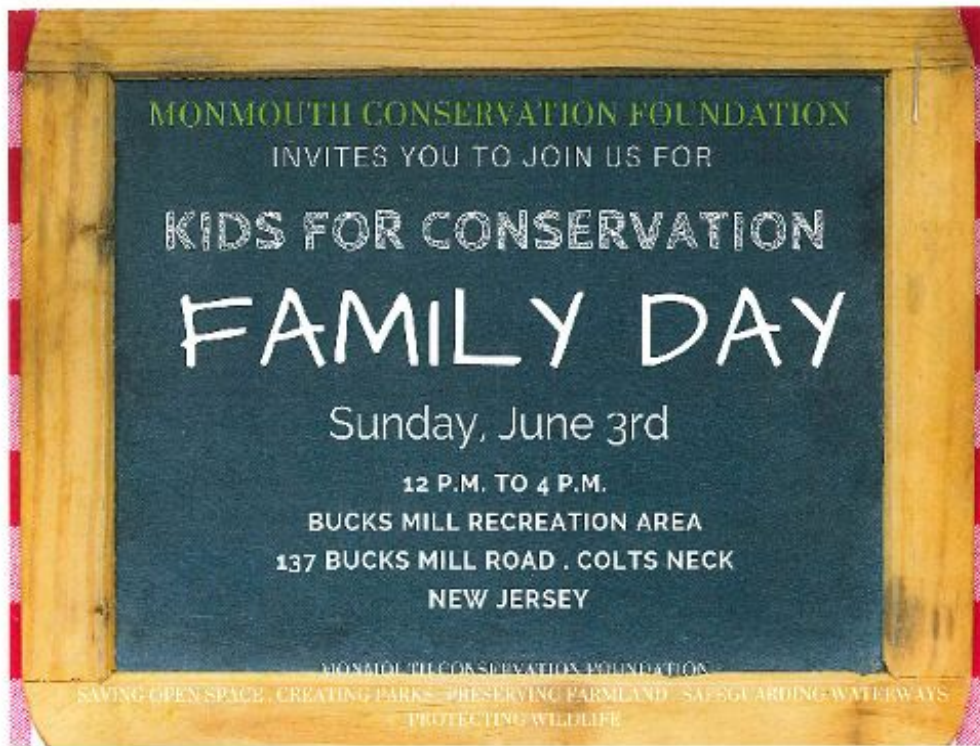
We are pleased to announce that our kindergarteners won 1st place!

Our kindergarten students studied seeds, local farms and their crops. The purpose of this unit was to discuss and reflect about locally grown foods. Students learned about Monmouth County farms through literature, reference materials and videos. The end goal was the actual construction of a model farm using recycled materials. Students used the engineering design process to imagine, plan and create a miniature farm prototype. They worked together using makerspace materials to build different farm aspects such as plants, vegetables, irrigations systems, animals, barns, tractors and more. Each model contained an actual soil garden for which the students plowed, seeded and tended. Students watered and watched their seeds grow into plants.

All five kindergarten class farms have been entered as one submission to the contest run by the MCF. **They will be on display during the MCF Family Day on June 3rd at Bucks Mill Recreation Area in Colts Neck from 12 to 4.** Come and join us as our farms will be displayed. Scroll down to see the official invitation.

To see images of the farm projects, please visit our Makerspace STEM website:
<https://sites.google.com/rumsonschool.org/deane-porter-stem-makerspace/home>

Sincerely,
Liz Waters & Mark Panas
Deane-Porter STEM Makerspace



Join us for

AN AFTERNOON OF LOCAL FARM FUN!

Protect the Environment & Local Farms!

- 1 p.m.** Musical Show & Instrument Building
- 2 p.m.** Potato Sac & Spoon Races with Prizes
- 3 p.m.** Wildlife Wings Dance Party with DJ

Throughout the day:

- Kids Interactive Farm Market Play Area
- Tractor Display
- Seed Planting
- Face Painting
- Music, Refreshments and More!

Kids for Conservation Contest Entries on Display and Winners Announced!

More information at monmouthconservation.org
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