

NEWS FROM THE CREW

CONSERVATION CREW SPRING 2026

HONORING EARTH DAY WITH CONSERVATION CREW

Across the state, Conservation Crews celebrated Earth Day with projects that made a positive difference. At **Achieve Language Academy in St. Paul**, students constructed an immersive ocean-themed installation titled “All Waters Lead to the Ocean.” The display highlighted information about climate change, plastic and microplastics, and how everyone can help mitigate these problems. Two Crew members hand-crocheted ocean creatures to hang from the ceiling in the installation and mini ocean creature keychains for to sell as a fundraiser for an environmental nonprofit.

At **Justice Page Middle School in Minneapolis**, the Crew held its third annual secondhand fashion show on Earth Day, followed by a clothing swap. Crews in **Minneapolis, Mankato, Burnsville, Pine Island, and Proctor** all held Earth Day cleanup events, with the Crew in Proctor paying special attention to gathering harmful microplastics. In **Elk River**, students added planting and birdhouse building to their cleanup activities. And in **Eagan**, students held a recycling drive.

PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD

And this spring, for the first time ever, the public had the opportunity to vote for their favorite Crew project. Achieve Language Academy won!



Ocean-themed Earth Day installation at Achieve Language Academy

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