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# SOMETHING SUMMERY!

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Welcome to our summer e-news update! This small-batch newsletter is our way of thanking so many wonderful donors for their assistance for our summer “Turtle Island,” farm-based education programs. Without your help, this simply would not have been possible!

Thanks to assistance from the [Deupree Family Foundation](#), we were able to offer scholarships to several young children from urban environments, to give them a week outside of the city and the opportunity to spend every day immersed in the beauty and fresh air of our [Children’s Peaceful Garden](#) at [Kitchawan Farm](#). Our arts-integrated week of programs was also supported by the Croton-Cortlandt Center for the Arts, allowing us to bring children from all backgrounds into a hands-on experience of farm-based handicrafts.

Week One of Turtle Island was entitled, “Earth Heroes,” and the focus was on music, movement, and theatre games and exercises to help us integrate our learning with nature and how to be excellent stewards of the earth. Whether we were singing with our extraordinary music teacher Liz Nolf, or playing favorite games like “Meet a Tree” or “Lemonade,” picking wild berries or cooling off in the water, children were doing what they love to do at Turtle Island: making friends, telling jokes and riddles, foraging for edibles, creating healthy treats, and just enjoying being a child playing on the farm and in the woods. The final performance on the last day of the week entertained and uplifted the audience with classic farm tunes, well-known songs that celebrate our beautiful planet, and a total favorite: “Octopus’ Garden” played on kazoo.

Week Two, “Sustainable Arts and Crafts on the Farm,” was guided every day by farmer, artist and craftsperson Linsay Cochran. From harvesting herbs and veggies to make herbal oils, sun teas, herbal footbaths, and salad mandalas, to learning how to cut and arrange perennial flowers, to making paintings and “wish boats” with all natural materials, the children went home with a treasure chest of art projects. Working with recycled and repurposed materials was a big part of the week, as well as spending lots of time in the forest designing “special spots” and creating color mosaics from nature. The culminating art exhibition, complete with worm terrariums and even three-dimensional felted trees, left the parents totally awe-inspired.



We are so grateful to organizations and individuals who regularly support our ongoing Scholarship Fund, because of all the fund-raising we do, this particular area directly helps the children and Something Good in the World the most. With a scholarship donation, a child whose family could not otherwise afford our programs, gets the opportunity to fully participate, and at the same time, the funding goes to help with operating expenses so that we can keep Something Good in the World going! We want to give a shout out to those whose scholarship donations for Earth School are making a huge difference in 2017: The **Sobecki Family Foundation**, Janet Hecken, and Earth School alumnae Sam and Suze Barlow. Because of your generosity, children who face challenges living in urban environments will be able to attend Earth School programs throughout the year – it's a total win-win-win!

If you would like to contribute to the Something Good in the World Scholarship Fund, please go to our website to make an online donation of any amount via **PayPal** ([click here](#)), or you can send a check to: Something Good in the World, 624 Croton Ave., Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567. SGITW is a public charity, under section 501c3 of the IRS code. Your donations are fully tax-deductible. From now through June 2018, every donation will be matched by the **Child Advocacy 360 Foundation**.



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We are committed to upholding a genuine value for humanity, and are steadfast in our dedication towards creating a new and better template for education in the 21st century, that integrates nature, the environment, and the practices of sustainable living.



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