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### Japhet School Named Michigan Green School for 10th Year

Clawson, Michigan - Students, teachers, and staff of Japhet School, an award-winning independent school, are celebrating the school's 10th annual Michigan Green School designation. For the last several years, Japhet School has received Evergreen status, the highest available level in the MGS program.

Japhet earns this designation with its day-to-day operations as well as with its curriculum. For instance, students do all the recyclable collection school-wide every week. The school continues to update lighting in its facility, by using smart lights or switching existing fixtures to high-efficiency bulbs. It has gardens with plants native to Michigan. Teachers integrate environmental awareness into lesson plans with a focus on the health of Great Lakes, the power of solar energy, 'green' student-created inventions, and more. In all, Japhet School met 20 points on the application -- the most available.



*Caption: This mechanical shark is the invention of a Japhet School first-grader. Its purpose is to 'eat' trash and scare would-be ocean polluters. (High-res pic sent as individual file.)*

#### About Japhet School:

Founded in 1973, Japhet School is an independent school, serving children the metropolitan Detroit area in preschool through eighth grade. Its mission is to nurture and prepare each child for life by integrating character education with a strong academic program. The school provides small classes of fewer than 20 students in each, which enables teachers to challenge students with academic material that is appropriate for their intellectual readiness, regardless of age or grade. Integrated with strong academics is Japhet School's national award-winning character education curriculum, which builds a peaceful community within the school. The school's public speaking curriculum gives graduates confidence in leadership roles. Japhet is a National School of Character: it was the first school in Michigan -- and the first independent school in the country -- to receive this award. To learn more about Japhet, visit [japhetschool.org](http://japhetschool.org). # #