



## Discovery Channel Crew at St. Philip the Apostle School Video to feature 3rd grade students' award winning project

Lights, Camera, Action! The third grade students at St. Philip the Apostle School were stars for a day when a film crew from Discovery Channel came by for a visit. The students met the project manager, director, video and sound experts who spent four hours setting up their equipment, taping scenes, and working with the students. The video shoot of the class will be turned into a commercial to run on one of Discovery's networks within a month. They are highlighting the Zero Waste Lunch project the students conducted last year. It won first prize in the national Siemen's We Can Change the World Challenge. In addition to the photo shoot, the students will be featured on a Jumbotron in New York's Times Square and the school was awarded a \$5,000 grant. The students each received a t-shirt, lunch bag, and reusable water bottle for their prize. Amanda Wallace, the team's advisor and last year's homeroom teacher received a digital flip camera, free registration and hotel accommodations at an upcoming NSTA national or area conference, a one-year membership to NSTA and a 12-month subscription to Discovery Education Science.

The students' project was initiated after noticing how much garbage was created every lunch period. The *Zero Waste Lunch Experts* decided to focus their project on reducing the waste created during school lunches. The students did research to figure out how convert a regular lunch into a zero waste lunch, looking at alternatives to packing food in plastic bags, using paper napkins, and bringing small snack packages. Instead they packed reusable sandwich containers, cloth placemats and napkins, and reusable snack containers. The class measured the difference between the two approaches and were surprised at the reduction in garbage created with Zero Waste Lunches. The students then created a video describing their project and taught a Zero Waste Class to the rest of the students at St. Philip the Apostle School. One of the students commented, "The best thing about our project is that it helps protect God's beautiful creation," while another shared "It's really cool being a movie star!"



Discovery Channel film crew set up their equipment in the third grade classroom at St. Philip School to document their Zero Waste Lunch project.



Amanda Wallace gets a moment in the spotlight during her interview on the Zero Waste Lunch project conducted by her class at St. Philip the Apostle School.



The Siemen's We Can Change the World Winning Team from St. Philip School practices reading lines from cue cards during the Discovery Channel taping session.

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