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## Two teams from Powhatan Elementary School qualify to participate in World KidWind Challenge

Towson, Md. – Two teams from Powhatan Elementary School’s Environmental Club have qualified to participate in the [World KidWind Challenge](#) at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, from May 5-8.

The teams, Windy Workers and Cute Fluffy Clouds, earned the opportunity to participate in the world event by winning first and second place respectively in the elementary category of the 2nd Annual KidWind Challenge. The event was hosted on February 24 on the College Park campus by University of Maryland's Maryland KidWind Initiative. Windy Workers is comprised of students Cailee Sutton and Briar Taylor. The members of Cute Fluffy Clouds are Blake Taylor, Vivienne VandenBousch, and Anthony Wiley.

The KidWind Challenge seeks to promote renewable energy by providing classroom curriculum to educators and engaging students in Grades 4-12 from around the world in designing, constructing, and testing small-scale wind turbines and solar structures.

Amanda Feete, a Grade 4 teacher at Powhatan Elementary School, is the advisor to the school’s Environmental Club. “The club started last year,” she said. “But this year, I learned about the KidWind Challenge and thought it would be a great opportunity for the club. We have about 10 members who come on Wednesday mornings to learn about clean energy and the environment. Students in Grades 3-5 are given the opportunity to join the club.”

*(Editor’s note: Photos of the [Windy Workers](#) and [Cute Fluffy Clouds](#) teams can be found on Flickr.)*

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