

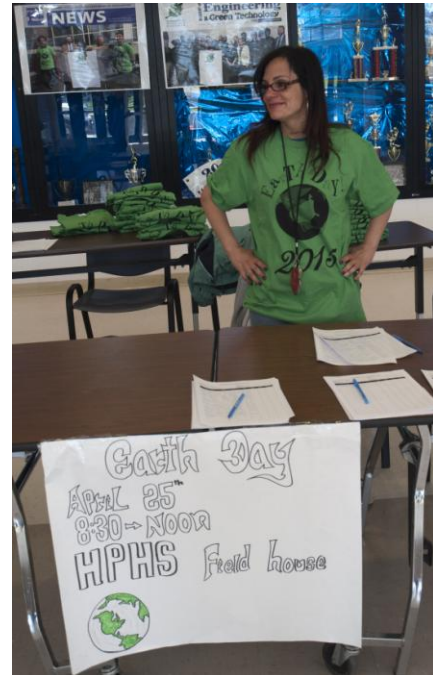
## Earth Day at Academy of Engineering and Green Technology

Once again more than 100 Hartford Public High School students joined with lots of adults and a few future HPHS students to give back a Saturday morning to Mother Earth. Led by Mr. David Mangus, a Science & Engineering teacher and a force of nature, groups of students joined one of 13 different teams to tackle projects as varied as picking litter from surrounding neighborhoods or landscaping to building a play-scape for the pre-school.

The blue skies were a welcomed change both from last year and the last few days, and the young people, many in tee shirts didn't seem to mind the cold.

Once they had all arrived and signed up for their respective teams, they fueled up on breakfast, listened to a brief reminder on safety conducted by Richard Papapietro, a safety specialist from UTC Aerospace and gathered for a group picture. But before going out to do the work they came for, they heard from Mr. Maziarz their principal that they were one of only 58 schools in the nation to have won a US Dept of Ed Green Ribbon award. But that's another story.

Their energy was infectious and when the Mayor arrived to encourage them on, I believe he got as good as he gave. No one could be there and not be encouraged by their dedication and enthusiasm, not to mention the results. The flowerbeds in front of the school are beautiful, the surrounding neighborhood is much cleaner, and the Little Owls



will have a new place to play on Monday. There are more photos available at:

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