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Stop Talking - Start Planting: Eine eindrucksvolle Initiative eines Neunjährigen



An initiative to help kids speak up and get active on matters that affect their future

In January 2007 - at the age of nine - our student Felix Finkbeiner gave a class presentation Grade 4 on global warming. During his speech he said he would support the UNEP Billion Tree Campaign by planting trees in Germany. His teacher Mrs. Phillips thought he

only meant one tree but Felix aimed at one million. By now Felix has even become a member of the UNEP Junior Board. On March 28, 2007, the first symbolic tree was planted at the entrance of our school in Sarnberg. With the support of many other students in MIS this initiative has been very successful, and has resulted in the planting or pledge of more than 300,000 trees within less than two years. Plant-for-the-Planet is an initiative that fosters children's participation and children leadership. Plant-for-the-Planet wants to support and motivate children across the world in order to shape their future.

As a tool to facilitate this goal, we will develop a Global Children's Participation Platform. These tree plantings are in close cooperation with the UNEP-Billion-Tree-Campaign. Since the beginning various teachers, students and parents have supported Plant-for-the-Planet by raising funds, planting trees and spreading the idea. By now more than 3,000 trees have been planted in Namibia and Ecuador from donations of the MIS community. If you want to help for € 10 we plant 10 trees.

Website in verschiedenen Sprachen: <http://www.plant-for-the-planet.org/>

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