This class turned their persuasive writing assignment into an opportunity to address an important social issue: Reducing plastic use in their school and community.

They began by writing a letter to nearby Ruby’s Diner asking if they would become a “straws by request” establishment. The owner immediately said yes and placed signs throughout the restaurant.

They then contacted their PA State Representative Leanne Kreuger who arranged for them to meet with Governor Wolf in Harrisburg. Governor Wolf was so impressed with the students he declared June 1st “Skip the Straw” Day!