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Greenpeace co-founder visits Yonkers school

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YONKERS - A co-founder of the Greenpeace environmental group visited the Charter School for Educational Excellence this morning to discuss conservation.

Patrick Moore spoke to seven classes at the school at 260 Warburton Ave. about renewable energy, forest conservation and other environmental topics.

He told the students that about 20 percent of the state's energy comes from hydroelectric power and he discussed the importance of responsible forestry.

"We have to balance the use of trees for our homes while keeping the trees in the forest for all the other plants and animals," Moore told the children.

Trevon Moore, 11, a sixth-grader who is not related to the environmentalist, prepared a question for the elder Moore about what he and his classmates could do to improve their quality of life. Trevon said his school already practices recycling.

"We make pencils that are made out of newspaper," he said.