

## Student Scientists Join National Elementary Honor Society



Earning high marks in school is important. It serves a method for assessing a student's academic capacity and progress over a period of time. Many students do not see the importance of earning good grades until it is too late. On March 5, 2015, student scientists, Kayla Young and Kessonga Allen, both 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Detroit Edison Public School Academy became the first students in the Ecotek Lab Program to join the National Elementary Honor Society.

The NEHS is was established in 2008 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) in cooperation with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) to recognize elementary students in both public and non-public elementary schools for their outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated personal responsibility, to provide meaningful service to the school and community, and to develop essential leadership skills in the students of elementary schools.

This is a great honor for Kayla and Kessonga because in addition to doing hands-on science work in the lab and earning high marks in the classroom, they still find time to have fun. Kessonga loves playing video games and reading science fiction books, while Kayla spends her free time doing art projects. With Youtube, social media and a multitude of distractions in society, it is refreshing to know that Kayla and Kessonga have their priorities in the right place. They are learning to balance their academic responsibilities, while at the same time, growing as scientists.

### **About the Ecotek Science Program**

Ecotek is a science research lab program for young inventors and researchers in grades 5 thru 12. Student scientists work on projects aligned with the issues being addressed by world leaders at the United Nations. To learn more about Ecotek Lab go to <http://www.ecotek-us.com>

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