

# GREEN IS GOOD!


Dear Parents,

We have some exciting new things happening at your child's school! First let us introduce ourselves. We are a small group of parents and staff from the Columbus School district and we are the "Green Team". Our mission is to "promote awareness and kindness to the environment while reducing the ecological footprint of the Columbus schools and community".

Our group was established in the Spring of 2010 and our first goal was to start recycling paper, aluminum, plastic, and glass at both CES and CMS. Next, we wanted to start composting food scraps during the summer school program of 2010. Both of these goals happened smoothly thanks to many people; including Brenda Maier and the food service staff, both principals (Sue Sewell and David Deguire), Kelly Crombie and Dave Rees (donation of 5 gallon buckets), as well as Joel Swissdorf and Zach Ferdinand (compost helpers).

We also set up an aluminum can recycling site in the parking lot of CES. (Thanks to Paul Genco and Troy Tadych for assembling.) This will be used to help us fund our green mission. Please drop off your cans anytime. In addition, we held an athletic shoe recycling drive at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. So far we have collected 74 pairs of shoes. And now we will be starting some new recycling opportunities.

Here is a list of items that we can recycle at CES and CMS, and we will collect them all year round. Please send them to school with your child anytime!

- Batteries 
- Old athletic shoes
- Cell phones, mp3 players, and pda's
- Printer/copier cartridges (all sizes)
- Home storage bags and containers (i.e., Glad, Ziploc; all brands are ok)
- Drink pouches (i.e., Capri Sun; all brands are ok)
- Lunch kits (Lunchables)
- Aluminum cans (please bag them up and bring them to the CES parking lot and look for the "can cage")

Here is a list of items we will do a recycling drive for at the end of the year. Please collect them in your home and send them to school once notified.

- Old crayons (leave on the paper if possible)
- Empty glue bottles and sticks (Elmer's only)

We are very excited to offer these recycling opportunities to you and your child. We encourage you to recycle every day in your home and at work. If you have questions or would like to be part of the Green Team please feel free to contact the school or one of us individually.

Our earth thanks you!

Sincerely, Green Team Members

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