

Harrington Park School Green Club

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The objective of the Green Club is to increase awareness of the school's 'citizens' to be more environmentally conscious and to cater activities related to needs. Efforts relate to recycling, pre-cycling and reducing waste. HP School has had single stream recycling since the fall of 2010

Membership: Open to students in grades 5-8. One faculty= science teacher. Approximately 60 students participated in 2011-2012, representing ~28% of the middle school kids eligible to participate.

Frequency of club activities:

Bi-weekly meetings are held, either before school begins or at lunchtime.

Before school, twice a week- recycling collection

Various weekly activities- for example- Green Challenges: ie; How many plastic bags will fit into a copier box carton? Once the bags are counted, then all bags are recycled.

Actions that have been taken;;

- Club sponsored a sale of re-useable lunch sacks.
- Collection of used toner / ink cartridges and cell phone
- Created posters displayed throughout the school to promote recycling
- Organized a waste free lunch day
- Club members (kids) went to each classroom to talk to other students about importance of the three R's; reducing, reusing and recycling.
- Twice a week collection of paper recycling and plastic bottles by students
- Weekly cleanup of schoolyard for recyclables

Sub groups that the kids can participate in:

- Fundraising
- daily /weekly activities
- clean up crew (fields)
- Publicity (HPTV- *the school has a closed circuit TV and daily student run newscasts*),
- Brainstorming, R&D (what is needed)
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Impact: The clubs has become influential within the school. Recycling rates are improving and the awareness of recycling is excellent related to paper, water bottles and plastic bags. The number of kids continuing to participate remains steady.

Pictures:

Rounds for recycling



Outdoor recycling container



