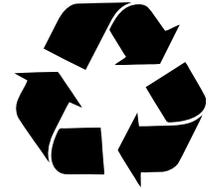




Reduce Reuse Recycle: It's Simple Being Green!



Please Recycle

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Exciting changes are happening at Flagstaff Academy! To honor our planet and help the environment, the PTO Eco-Dragons, school administration, and teachers have kicked off a campaign to reduce the amount of trash created by the school.

Starting this week, the theme "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" is being promoted throughout our school. Look for the new blue recycling bins in the classrooms and encourage students to use them correctly. All bins feature posters showing the types of items that can be recycled.

On Monday, April 9th, two of our wonderful teachers, Ms. Sloop and Ms. Wolff, were joined by a group of students and visited the classrooms, delivering the blue recycling bins and educating the students about the environment. They also introduced the students to the new lunch room waste management process and gave each student a fun and informative booklet to take home with them to share with their families.

QUICK RECYCLE, COMPOST, TRASH (LANDFILL) GUIDE:

Recycle	Compost	Trash (landfill)
Empty yogurt cups	All food items	All Styrofoam cups
Empty cans and plastic bottles	Napkins and paper towels	Plastic forks and spoons
Light color flat paper that is larger than the size of your hand	Brown paper bags, bright color paper, paper smaller than the size of your hand	Ziploc bags and candy wrappers

THE NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT PROCESS:

The students have been given ownership of their blue classroom recycling bins. They will make sure that only recyclable items get into the bin and will empty it into larger blue bins located in the hallways at the end of each day.

In the lunch room, the students are learning to separate trash, recyclable, and compostable material. Once a student finishes their lunch, they go to the waste management area and separate their waste into recycle, compost, and trash (landfill) bins. The students are very excited about this new process knowing that it helps the environment.

While Flagstaff Academy is not composting yet, we are actively measuring our lunchroom output for developing a plan for the next school year.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Go over the 3Rs booklet with your kids and encourage them to ask questions and understand its contents
- Pack an eco-friendly lunch/snack for your child (for ideas on how to do this, please see the eco-friendly lunch flier or go to the PTO/Eco-Dragons website)
- Encourage the use of reusable water bottles
- Volunteer at the school at lunch time to help guide the students through the waste management process
- Use the blue recycling bins in the school correctly and encourage your kids to do it also

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