



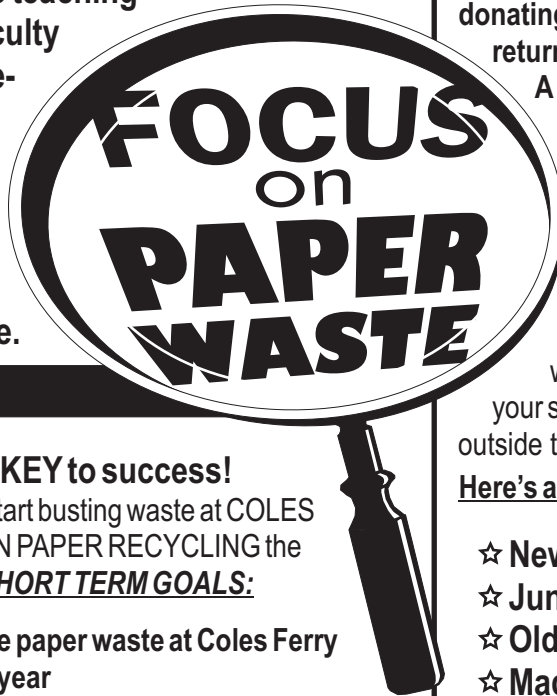
Re-NEWSLETTER

Recycling, Waste Reducing & Green Ideas & Info for the Lebanon Special School District

Introducing..

the launch of our school wide **TEAM GREEN** project!

As concerned parents & members of the community, TEAM GREEN is motivated to take a giant step forward to teaching our students and faculty about what can be recycled and why it's good for everyone to recycle & cut waste, not just at home but at school and in the work place.



The Plan:

Starting small is the KEY to success!

TEAM GREEN plans to start busting waste at COLES FERRY with a FOCUS ON PAPER RECYCLING the last nine weeks. OUR SHORT TERM GOALS:

- 1) Significantly reduce paper waste at Coles Ferry by the next school year
- 2) Start the ball rolling to earn the designation of a GREEN SCHOOL by the State of Tennessee
- 3) Inspire ALL of the schools in the LSSD to achieve these goals as well.
- 4) Encourage our students to recycle at home!

The Method:

TEAM GREEN will start its efforts the last quarter of the school year by targeting PAPER WASTE. Recycle bins will be placed inside each classroom for students to fill daily. Students will set these bins outside the classroom at an appropriate time to minimize class disruption. Each morning between 7:30 & 8:15, Team Green Members will measure & log waste paper in these bins, & empty them into the RECYCLE DUMPSTER (located outside the Kindergarten wing). These logs will help TEAM GREEN determine which grades will be rewarded with incentives like SPORTS EQUIPMENT! HOMEWORK PASSES! & EXTRA RECESS TIME! plus Teachers can motivate students in their own ways!

How YOU & YOUR STUDENT can help:

Teachers & Students will be filling their classroom bins with recyclable paper to earn rewards. You can help by encouraging your student to take an interest in reducing paper waste & sending these items from home.

TEAM GREEN would like each "Room Parent" to handle the organization of at least 2 parents per classroom donating a new 9-12 gallon plastic tote when students return from Spring Break.

A good choice is this Sterlite 64 Qt. Clear Latch Box \$7⁰⁰ at Wal-mart!



Get further involved by asking friends, family & co-workers to recycle on their own or save these items for your student to bring to school. The blue Recycle Dumpster outside the Kindergarten Wing is for community use as well!

Here's a list of what to send in:

- ☆ Newspapers (tying them with twine is a great help!)
- ☆ Junk Mail (glossy paper is ok)
- ☆ Old Coloring Books (covers removed)
- ☆ Magazines (staples removed)
- ☆ Church bulletins
- ☆ Copy Paper
- ☆ Envelopes
- ☆ School papers such as:
 - Previous week's assignments
 - Outdated teacher handouts
 - Book Order forms (Scholastic)
 - Last month's school lunch menu
 - Please remove staples!



- ☆ Shredded paper (in paper bags, please)

☆ **IMPORTANT:** Please DO NOT send the items below. We are not equipped (yet!) to process them. They are on our FUTURE PROJECTS LIST!

Cardboard, Plastic Bottles, Other Plastics, Aluminum Cans, Food Cans or other Metals, Glass, Plastic bags (Wal-mart, Kroger)



Sponsorship



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Sponsors are Big Heroes that help grow Little Heroes into MORE Big Heroes!

Teaching kids about recycling & waste reduction is a big job & we need help. Rock Tenn Co. of Lebanon has agreed to help LSSD TEAM GREEN with our FOCUS ON PAPER. If you or your company would like to help in a BIG or SMALL way, contact: Tracey O'Hanlon at traceyohanlon@charter.net

Team Leaders Needed!

Do you ever bring your child to school in the mornings & have 30 minutes to share to help TEAM GREEN meet our goals?! We are in need of Team Members to go around to the classrooms and pick up the Recycle Bins of paper, log the amount on a clipboard (so we know who is working hard to win rewards!) and take the cart to the Recycle Dumpster.

THAT'S IT!! We can use your help once, on a weekly basis or monthly, whatever you can do is a great help! Contact Tracey O'Hanlon at traceyohanlon@charter.net

The Future:

While our focus this nine weeks is reducing paper waste at Coles Ferry, we have BIG PLANS for the future at LSSD! Eventually TEAM GREEN would like to have multiple collection receptacles at all five schools for:

Cardboard, Drinking Bottles, Plastic Bags, Plastics, Aluminum, Cans & Other Metal, Cell Phone Batteries, Fluorescent Light, Bulbs, plus Laser & Ink Jet Cartridges!

So that's a lot...But wait! There's more to THINKING GREEN than just recycling consumer products! Our future plans may include some of these ideas that have been very successful in other areas of the country:



**Outdoor classrooms
Organized Carpooling
Lunchroom Food Waste Composting
Educational Math & Science Gardens**

**Individual Dry Erase Boards in classrooms
Increased landscaping to lower energy costs
Recycled materials in playground construction
Switching to Green Cleaners & Janitorial Supplies**



Contact & Website

Got a question about recycling at Coles Ferry?

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Over the Spring Break, TEAM GREEN will be working on a website to connect with our community regarding our endeavors...and, of course, save paper!! Check it out SOON!

www.LSSDTeamGreen.com

Community Recycle Locations

Plastic Bags: Kroger, Publix & Walmart at front of store

Plastics or aluminum cans: Kroger parking lot, receptacles are out near West Main Street



The Wilson Co. Landfill has 7 Convenience Centers in Lebanon, Bairds Mill, Suggs Crk, Statesville, Martha, & Norene that accept RECYCLABLES such as: Glass, Plastics, Metals, Paper, & Cardboard. Call 444-8360 for times & info.

Don't send useful things to the landfill! Give it to Goodwill, Wilson Co. Help Center or Habitat for Humanity Restore or Trade in used books at Bettie's Books!

Recycling Statistics

- ▶ Every ton of paper recycled can save the energy equivalent of 185 gallons of gas!
- ▶ Recycling just 1 ton of aluminum cans instead of throwing them away conserves over 207 million BTUs...that's 1,655 gallons of gas!
- ▶ If every U.S. home replaced 1 light bulb with an Energy Star bulb, we'd save enough energy to light 3 million homes for a year!
- ▶ WOW! Recycling just 1 aluminum can saves enough energy to run your TV for 3 hours!
- ▶ More than 36% of the fiber used to make new paper products in the U.S. comes from recycled sources!
- ▶ In 2006, a record 53.4% of the paper consumed in the U.S. was recovered for recycling ... an extraordinary 53½ million tons, averaging 360 lb. per person!
- ▶ In 2006, the U.S. threw away 38 billion plastic water bottles & 1½ million barrels of oil were used to produce them, that's enough to fuel 100,000 cars for a year!

Online Resources

Here are some great places to visit to further your GREEN THINKING!! Share these with your student over Spring Break!!

<http://earth911.com/paper/paper-recycling-at-school/>

<http://www.ase.org/section/program/greenschl>

<http://www.greenschools.net/7StepstoGreenSchool.htm>

<http://www.ways2gogreen.com/HowtoGoGreenatSchool.html>

<http://www.obviously.com/recycle/guides/common.html>

http://www.essortment.com/hobbies/stylishpaperre_svns.htm