

SUSTAINABILITY 2016-17 END OF YEAR UPDATE



TOTAL ITEMS COLLECTED:
OVER 80,000

*It was another
successful year!*

52,800+ Chip Bags
2,000+ Cereal Bags
2,900+ Puree Pouches
8,000+ Drink Pouches (discontinued)
12,800+ Granola Bar Wrappers
1,500+ Lunchable Trays
345 Hygiene Items

**80,000 items =
330 lbs!**

We collected over 80,000 pieces of Terracycle which surpassed our goal of 68,000; leadership students have taken full control of collecting and teaching classrooms about proper curbside recycling; thanks to Mr. Case, Mrs. Colyer and Mr. Johnson we took 12 giant bags of rigid plastic collected from classrooms to Tacoma to be recycled; and we filled an entire U-Haul truck with styrofoam on Earth Day. **Well done Sky Warriors!**

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2017/18 Sustainability Goal: COMPOSTING

Soldiers + Compost = Green Hero Next year's goal is to begin collecting clean fruit and veggie scraps from the lunch room to take to the JBLM composting facility--we just need a few green-minded parents who have access to base to come collect during lunch (10am-Noon). It is entirely up to you how many times you come per year but we can easily collect a 5-gallon compound bucket during lunch. The students are eager to do this and you would quickly become a "green" hero at school!

No more chip bags from home

52,800 is a lot of chip bags! So many that we have used up all of our Walmart grant money to ship them to Terracycle. This means, unfortunately, that in 2017/18 we will no longer accept chip bags from home or other off-site locations. We plan to continue collecting chip bags from lunches and classrooms to keep our school as green as possible. If you have any ideas for grants or if you know of a business that would consider sponsoring the shipping let us know!

**It takes a lot of work to make this happen.
A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone
who pitched in to help!**

Mrs. Browning	Leadership Students
Mrs. Brayton	Green Musketeers
Mr. Case	Green Beans
Mrs. Colyer	Dumpster Divers
Mr. Johnson	Green Money Makers
Mrs. Park	Green Savages
5th Grade Team	Recycle Rebels
4th Grade Team	Green Thumbs
Mrs. Landers	Land Savers
Ms. Jaime	Green Champions
Ms. Claudia	Ogre Achievers
Ms. Becky	Team Trash Mouth
Angie Strub	The Overloads
Anne Montgomery	Green Goblins
Stacy Legg	Green Jaguars
PTA Committee Chairs	Green Means Go
	Trash No More

DOUBLING OUR IMPACT

Green Team students voted on how to donate a small portion of our points back to Terracycle's charitable partners. All of this from what could have easily become trash!

175 weeks of clean water for 1 person,
32 meals for a hungry American,
1,900lbs of CO2 removed from the atmosphere,
and 25,200 sq. ft. of wildlife land preserved

KEEP COLLECTING!

Keep collecting Terracycle items (no chip bags) over the summer and bring them to school in the fall or watch for a summer drop off date on Facebook.

Storing empty (squeezed out) applesauce pouches with the lid on in an open container eliminates odor.

**As always, no bottle caps, rigid plastics (clamshell packaging) or plastic bags are accepted from home.*

For more info and cool stuff check out our website:
epsocpta.org/green-team.html
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