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RECYCLING REWARDS 95 SCHOOLS RECEIVE OFFICE DEPOT GIFT CARDS



Place paper in marked recycling bins at your school

95 schools achieved their recycling targets for the fall 2006 semester. Each of these schools will receive an Office Depot gift card worth \$277! To qualify for a reward during this semester, your school must recycle an average of at least 100% of its recycling target each week. You can find your school's recycling target and your weekly performance at: www.cps.edu/Operations/facility_operations.html

Click on the **Weekly Recycling Report** link and then select your school from the pull-down menu.

Money for the CPS Recycling Rewards Program comes from rebates on the purchase of recycled products from Office Depot. We urge everyone to purchase recycled paper, toners, ink and other recycled products. Recycling is good for the environment, and it's good for your school.

The Central Office has started an education campaign to get the recycling program information out to the schools. We are also working to make sure each school has clearly marked recycling containers.

Students, teachers and staff can do their part in the recycling

effort by identifying more materials for recycling and placing these materials in the recycling dumpsters. You can track your school's recycling performance on a weekly basis.

Our success is attributable to each of you – the students, teachers, office staff, custodial staff and engineers of Chicago Public Schools who are making your best effort to recycle.

With this goal in mind, we can use your help in doing better! If you need recycling assistance, please email us at recycling@cps.k12.il.us.

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RECYCLING DO'S AND DON'TS



DO place all your school's collected paper and cardboard into your school's recycling dumpster



DO place only paper and cardboard recyclables into the recycling dumpster, no blue bags



DON'T place any plastic bags in your school's recycling dumpster



DON'T place plastic bags in desk-side recycling containers



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RECYCLING SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOOLS

Clissold School's Recycling Club is Popular and Successful



Clissold School's Recycling Club members participating in some of their recent activities

12 years ago, Clissold School formed a Recycling Club to collect recyclable materials and teach environmental awareness and responsibility. The Recycling Club meets once per week after school and is so popular that there is a waiting list to join.

The club's activities include a variety of environmental projects, including collection of paper and other recyclables. Before CPS began its recycling program, the club had difficulty getting the recyclables to a recycling center. Now that CPS put a recycling dumpster at the school, get-

ting the collected recyclables to a recycler is as simple as carrying them to the school's parking lot.

With the help of its teachers, the Recycling Club created its own container for collecting batteries.

The container is in the hall near the office and has collected hundreds of batteries that are sent through the CPS Mail Run trucks for recycling.

If your school collects batteries, see the story about battery recycling on Page 4.

GOT A RECYCLING SUCCESS STORY WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

Do you have a recycling success story to share? Send pictures and articles to: recycling@cps.k12.il.us and your story may run in a future edition of **Recycled News**

THANKS TO OFFICE DEPOT

Chicago Public Schools wishes to thank Office Depot for its continuing support of the CPS recycling program.

Remember that Office Depot is our vendor for office supplies. Each dollar you spend on recycled products contributes to the CPS Recycling Rewards Office Depot gift card pool.

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT CAN HELP YOU START AN ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

If you're interested in starting an environmental or recycling club, contact the Chicago Conservation Corps at conservation@cityofchicago.org or call (312) 743-9283.

They can provide support in the form of a stipend, materials, and resources to run an after-school environmental service club.

The clubs perform environmental service projects to positively impact the environment in and around their school. Each club performs walk-through audits of their

schools, investigating how to increase energy and water conservation and improve efforts to reduce, re-use and recycle waste.

The clubs then completes three projects over the course of the year - one each for land, one for air/energy, and one for water issues - chosen from a project menu.

In addition to the detailed project guides, teachers attend topic-specific workshops for networking, materials distribution and information gathering.

To learn more and apply, you must attend the mandatory orientation, **Tuesday, September 11, 2007**, 5:00pm - 6:00pm, at the Chicago Center for Green Technology, 445 N. Sacramento Blvd.

For more information contact the Chicago Department of Environment at www.cityofchicago.org/Environment/C3 or (312) 743-9283.



RECYCLING - IT'S FOR EVERYONE

RECYCLING AT
CPS HAS KEPT
OVER 11,000
TONS OF
RECYCLABLE
MATERIAL OUT
OF LANDFILLS

Recycling at CPS is everyone's job. Whether you are a student, teacher, staff position, principal, custodian, engineer or parent, you have a key role to play in helping your school meet its recycling goal.

LUNCHROOM STAFF

- Do not put food waste in recycling dumpsters
- Put plastic drink cups and empty beverage containers into blue plastic bags and place in garbage dumpsters
- Break down cardboard before placing in recycling dumpsters

STUDENTS

- Place all recyclables in your classroom's recycling container
- Encourage others to recycle too
- Don't place food or drinks in your recycling container

CUSTODIANS/ENGINEERS

- Do not put Styrofoam or food waste into recycling dumpster
- Do not line recycling bins with plastic bags
- Recycling bins must be placed next to garbage bins
- Place all collected recycled materials into the recycling dumpster

TEACHERS

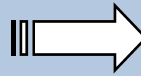
- Encourage classroom recycling
- Police recycling bins to keep recyclables free of garbage
- Reward and reinforce good recycling behavior

SCHOOL STAFF

- Use desk-side recycling containers
- Place all junk mail, newspapers and magazines in recycling containers
- Do not place garbage, food waste or drink containers in desk-side containers

QUESTION: How can I tell which dumpster is for recycling?

ANSWER: Look for one of the labels shown to the right.



EARTH WEEK - APRIL 16-22, 2007

Earth Day 2007 will be observed on Wednesday, April 19, 2007. Earth Week will be celebrated in Chicago with special events each day between April 16 and 22.

Sunday, April 16 - Composting

Monday, April 17 - Clothing Give Away

Tuesday, April 18 - Cell phone recycling

Wednesday, April 19 (EARTH DAY) - "Bloomin' Terrific" at Daley Plaza

Thursday, April 20 - Hybrid car demos

Friday, April 21 - Battery recycling

Saturday, April 22 - Computers for schools.

For details about these City programs or for more information on what you can do to make a difference for the earth, go to the Chicago Department of Environment's website at:

www.cityofchicago.org

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CPS RECYCLES BATTERIES TOO!



Consumer batteries can be recycled at all CPS schools



Did you know that the average household uses 21 batteries every year? Just imagine how many a school uses!

Do you know what you can do with old batteries to save the environment and reusable resources?

CPS can solve your battery disposal problems with its battery recycling program.

All typical disposable and rechargeable household batteries from cell phones, cameras, games, remotes, pagers, that use AAA, AA, C, D, 9V or button batteries are acceptable.

Once you collect the batteries in the classroom, take them to your school's office. They will collect them for your school.

CPS Mail Run drivers visit each school every day and carry a collection bucket in their trucks. Give your batteries to your Mail Run driver; they will collect them at the CPS Warehouse. The Warehouse ships full buckets to a battery recycler.

The recycler sorts the battery types and breaks them apart. Aluminum, lead, mercury, silver, copper, zinc and other recyclable resources

are collected and sent back into manufacturing new goods, saving resources and valuable landfill space without contaminating the environment.

CPS also has a battery recycling container at the downtown main office at 125 S. Clark Street. The battery recycling container is located in the main floor lobby in front of the Radio Shack store.

Since CPS began recycling batteries, over 650 pounds of batteries have been shipped to the recycler!

WHAT DO I DO WITH FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS?



Improper disposal of used fluorescent light bulbs damages the environment and may release toxic gases if not handled properly. Used fluorescent bulbs can not be put in garbage or recycling dumpsters

because they contain mercury, a hazardous and toxic metal.

If your school has fluorescent bulbs, they must be recycled. Several bulb recycling companies are listed below:

Air Cycle
(800) 909-9709
sales@aircycle.com
www.aircycle.com

Everlights Lamp and Ballast Recycling
(773) 734-9873
www.everlights.com

Fluorecycle, Inc.
(815) 363-4411
sales@fluorecycle.com
www.fluorecycle.com

Problems/Questions/Suggestions about recycling?

Are you interested in recycling but can't seem to get an answer to your question? Need recycling containers? The answer is just a mouse click away. Send your recycling suggestions, comments and questions to:

recycling@cps.k12.il.us

