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Recycling Curricula, Fundraisers and Grants

Recycling Curricula:

National Environmental Education Week:

National Environmental Education Week offers a variety of recycling lessons for grades K-4, 5-8, and 9-12.

http://www.eeweek.org/resources/recycle_curricula.htm

Reinstein Woods:

Reinstein Woods Environmental Education Center offers in-school lessons on recycling and free consultations for educators interested in increasing recycling or adding worm composting in their classroom or school. For more information, call 716-683-5959 or see the "School Programs" file.

Resourceful Schools Project:

A St. Louis site that focuses on reduce, reuse and recycle for schools. The student and teacher sections have some fun recycling activities and games.

www.resourcefulschools.org

Waste Management's "Think Green":

Lesson plans and resources related to recycling and landfills aimed at various grade levels.

<http://www.thinkgreen.com/teachers>

Recycling Fundraisers:

Below are a few programs that provide a way for your school to encourage recycling while earning money for your school. Involve the students in advertising the program, collecting and processing the recyclables, and you've created a wonderful learning opportunity!

Abitibi Paper Retriever Program:

Provides bins and pays your school for paper. Your school can track recycling on-line.

<http://www.paperretriever.com/default.asp?id=226>

Terracycle:

Sign up to collect "non-recyclable" items like drink pouches, cookie wrappers, etc. and get cash for your school. Products are made into backpacks, pencil cases, etc. that can be purchased at major retailers.

www.terracycle.net

Funding Factory:

Recycle cell phones and ink cartridges for cash or credit toward a catalog of goods. They have a new program that allows students to send in their used electronics such as I-pods to earn additional credit for your school.

www.fundingfactory.com

Letsgogreen.biz:

Sells recycled paper products, CFLS, green cleaning products, etc. Sign up to receive a percentage of sales from people who designate your school at checkout:

<http://Letsgogreen.biz>

Recycling Grants:***New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR³)***

NYSAR³ is providing \$500 start-up grants for recycling/waste reduction programs in public and private schools. Applications are due October 15, 2010. A link to information and an application can be found at:

<http://www.nysar3.org/greening/greeninged.htm>.

Nickelodeon's The Big Help Grant Program:

Throughout 2010, Nickelodeon will award \$1M in grants to schools and community organizations enabling kids around the country to achieve the goal of a million acts of help. The Big Help Grant Program will support projects that inspire kids to (1) take care of the environment; (2) lead active, healthy lives; (3) engage in community service; or (4) improve their educational experience. Grants are for \$2500 or matching grants of \$5,000.

<http://pro-social.nick.com/grant-application/>

Recycling Websites of Interest:***Disney's "Book Smart: Reduce, Recycle and Read"***

Ideas for how students can host a book swap, organize a paper drive, form a "green" reading club, and research an environmental issue. Students can then post their activities online. A toolkit is available on:

<http://disney.go.com/projectgreen/>

Green Schools Alliance:

The Alliance focuses on the overall impact of schools on the environment, including recycling. See the winning 2010 Green Cup Challenge video for a musical, recycling-focused video! Your school could enter the 2011 National Green Cup Challenge.

www.greenschoolsalliance.org

How Green is My Town?

A section of this website specifically addresses recycling in schools, and provides resources for more information on how to start recycling in schools.

<http://www.howgreenismytown.org/myschoolsystem/ssrecycling.html>