












# Dixie Green Team Update








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We have a strong and dedicated team of parents, teachers, and students in place who are committed to making Dixie School a “Greener” place.

## Accomplishments to date include:

-  Continuation of the school wide recycling program to fund environmental education in and outside the classrooms.
-  The Dixie Diner no longer serves plastic water bottles with lunches.
-  Many actions taken through the Cool the Earth Program: Educational school assemblies; No waste lunch contest; Reusable water bottles and bag sales; Reduce, Reuse, Recycle school education; CFL demonstrations; Get caught being green contest;
-  Mrs. Kozlowski’s class and the Dixie Diner are composting at lunch.
-  We have several composting bins on campus that are maintained by our Garden Club including a vermiculture bin (worms).
-  Our rain garden has been recognized as a Bay Friendly Landscape. We exceeded conventional landscape practices in the areas of waste prevention and recycling, resource conservation, pollution prevention, water conservation and wildlife habitat.
-  We have almost completed the instillation of our water cistern with plans to use to collected water for our native gardens and for education in our classrooms.
-  With funding from the DHSC, we have purchased 6 bin sets for collection of trash and CRV bottles and cans for sell back.
-  We launched a school wide campaign titled “Sort it out” in which hands on education was provided to every classroom. Students, yard duty staff, and students were given a lesson on how to sort trash collected in class and from their lunches. They then had the opportunity to place this waste into the correct bins: general recycling, paper, CRV, and trash.
-  We have eliminated a large dumpster from campus through our waste management efforts and have added general recycling bins at no cost from Marin Sanitary Service (MSS).
-  The district is going solar with plans to generate 80% of the energy needs our schools.

### Future Plans:

-  Pollution Punch card contest in the spring to encourage green transportation modes to school in conjunction with Safe Routes to School and Cool the Earth.
-  Water conservation education with an education in-service for the Junior Green Team from the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD).
-  Formal water conservation and waste management audits from MMWD and MSS.
-  The district will begin installing solar panels on the roofs of all four schools in the district this spring.
-  Experiments in biodegradability of packaging, nature's and man made.