

Green Team News

February 26, 2010



Dear Families,

COOL THE EARTH UPDATE

Cool the Earth (CTE) coupon books went home with your child in October. We have been collecting coupons on Friday mornings and handing out prizes. Our goal was for every student to take 5 actions out of 20. For the 409 students at Dixie, this would amount to 2045 actions. So far, students have taken 175 actions, which equals 15 cars canceled and 179,723 pounds of carbon saved. Please help us reach our goal by having your child turn in their coupons EVERY Friday morning until April 23rd. If you have not turned in the purple "count me in" coupon, it is not too late. This lets us know how many families have participated.

RECYCLE REX UPDATE—Contest ends March 12th.

We have been participating in the Recycle Rex (RR) Challenge, a state wide competition sponsored by the California State Department of Conservation/Division of Recycling. Every Friday morning, we collect plastic drink bottles and aluminum cans (no glass or non-CRV containers, please). The class or school winner is announced on Earth Day in April 2010 and receives a school assembly visit from Recycle Rex and cool prizes made from recycled materials. It is a great learning experience and an easy source of fundraising for the Green Team. The contest ends March 12. Last year, we took 4th place. This year, we are way below what we collected last year. Help us out by bringing in CRV plastic bottles and cans – ask your friends, neighbors and relatives to save their CRV for you. The contest ends in 3 weeks; however, we will keep collecting through the end of May to earn more money to help pay for environmental programs in the classrooms.

BONUS:

The classroom with the most participation in Recycle Rex will win \$50.00 to spend however the teacher chooses.

Green Ways to School Challenge

Please see below

Sincerely,

Kim Jones, Julie Wellik, and Patty Flynn Elliot

If you are interested in helping out with the Green Team or have questions or comments, please email Kim or Julie at kimscheibly@comcast.net or jwellik@pacbell.net.

SchoolPoolMarin.org



GREEN WAYS TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Carpool, Walk, Bike or Bus to School and Help Us All Win Big!

We are pleased to participate in the new Green Ways to School Campaign from Transportation Authority of Marin's Safe Routes to Schools program. This is our opportunity to reduce car trips to and from schools thus reducing the related greenhouse gases and traffic congestion in our community. The first 500 families who register receive free gift cards plus it helps our school compete for cash awards. We are asking all families to go to www.SchoolPoolMarin.org to register under our school.

Online SchoolPool TripSharing Service

We encourage families to register to join a SchoolPool – carpool, walk, bike, or take the bus together to school with other families. It's easy and quick to register and participate and the first 500 families will receive a thank-you gift of a Jamba Juice card worth \$5. To register and receive a match list via e-mail of other families who travel your route to school, go to www.SchoolPoolMarin.org.

Countywide Green Ways to School Challenge

Marin County schools are challenged to reduce car trips to schools. The schools with the most increase in Green Trips will win CASH AWARDS up to \$2000. To help us participate in the Challenge, we need all school families to register under our school name on the www.SchoolPoolMarin.org site – even if you do not choose to register for a SchoolPool match. Registering takes just a minute and the first 500 (total) registrants on the site receive a \$5 Jamba Juice card.

School Faculty and Staff Participation

Faculty and staff at our school can participate too by registering on the SchoolPool system which will connect them to 511 rideshare to find carpools or bike buddies. Their trip reductions will count in the Green Ways to School Challenge and they are eligible for many incentives on 511 rideshare. Go to www.SchoolPoolMarin.org.

Help our school win the challenge. Please walk, bike, and carpool or use the bus to school whenever possible and register on the SchoolPool Marin system under our school name.

In Marin County, 62% of greenhouse gases comes from transportation.

Up to 26% of traffic in the mornings is from families taking their kids to school.

Walking and biking to school provides much needed exercise to start the day. PLUS IT'S FUN!

Green Ways to School

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