

Save It!

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Send in your super star nominations.

- Nominate someone in your school is who doing great conservation activities and let's give them some positive attention. Thanks for all your hard work RC's and PPS faculty.

SUMMER BREAK FORK IT OVER FOOD

Selected Portland Public elementary schools and Nutrition Services have, once again, donated food to help alleviate hunger in the city of Portland through METRO's Fork It Over program.

Blanchet House and St. Vincent de Paul collected over 3,306 pounds of food on the last day of school before summer break. The donated food was unable to be used again or would last over summer break.

Adding together Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring, and Summer Break, PPS has donated over 11,217 pounds of food to help the hungry! We are proud to be able to further serve our community in this way!

We have boxes for you!!

Do you ever mess up printing, or writing? We'll save the paper in your "oops" box and use it for scratch paper. **Do you have an "oops"**

box? If not give us a call at the district office and we'll get you one or you can order directly online through the warehouse. Their order number is 90-0435.

They are the perfect size for near/on your desk to

keep your paper in circulation. Contact Sara at szucker1@pps.k12.or.us or by phone at (503) 916-2000 x4267 or either of our new AmeriCorps members beginning October 16th.



There is plenty to go around so order now and order often.

Be a friend and tell your co-workers about this opportunity.

To Our RC's (Recycling Coordinator), Principals, and Vice Principals;

Where are you? Have you moved? Did you stay? Are you still with us? Please let us know where you are no matter how active you are.

We would like each school to have an RC, and if you don't, please consider appointing one and respond back to us. Our contact info is below. An

RC is someone that the district sees as a liaison between the district office and each school for all conservation issues.

The RC be sent information via the newsletter or email on changes in the recycling and other conservation issues and they are asked to pass along the info

to the rest of the school. This position can be as big or small as you would like it.

Please respond with the name of your RC, their contact email, and your school name. Thank you for your time. Sara Zuckerman, szucker1@pps.k12.or.us, (503)916-2000 x4267.

Goodbye Victoria.

Goodbye Victoria. She will be missed....A lot! Our beloved Victoria Cummings has finished her AmeriCorps year and is heading out to new adventures and to write a book. She has had a profound impact on PPS in her Energy Conservation position here at Portland Public Schools Conservation Department. She has changed a part of the Green School Application to include



an energy component, led waste and energy audits done, lectures and classroom presentations, organized and ran the Recycling Coordinator meetings, offered support for Oregon Green School applications, and single-handedly organized the Fork-It-Over program (see Fork It Over article on page 1). Congratulations on a great year and thank you for all your hard work!!

PPS is helping out on the stormwater management home front:

Everyone knows that Portland has stormwater management issues and PPS is doing their part to help out. But just in the last couple of years we have done more. Since 2000 we have converted more than 1.2 acres of pavement into various kinds of stormwater management systems, and are di-

verting the water from 6.6 acres into those systems. These systems include bioswales, ecoroofs, planters, pervious surface, and retention ponds. Because of these innovations we have kept more than 6,756,877 million gallons of water from going down the storm drains.

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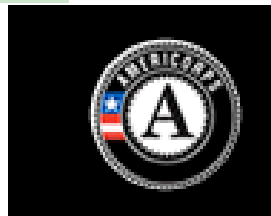
Two new district AmeriCorps

These will be the 8th generation of AmeriCorps members for the district.

One will be working on waste conservation and the other on energy conservation.

Please feel free to call on them with any conservation needs (i.e. Green School

Applications, waste audits, information gathering, or inspiration and ideas.) You will get a chance to meet them at the first RC meeting of the year.



The Organics Pilot Program

Organics Pilot Program was a success but unfortunately the Program is not here to stay.

Despite our collective best efforts, Portland Public Schools will NOT be participating in the organics collection program this year. That includes all schools and the central kitchen. The program is simply too expensive for our participation. The district is grateful to all the schools and custodians who worked so hard on this program last year. You guys did great work and helped everyone in the Metro area gather valuable data on how we can deal with our food waste in and around Portland. We are sorely disappointed that we cannot continue it.

Your order is coming right up!!

The district is now making some changes in its ordering. They are no longer buying markers that stink up your work area. We are now purchasing dry erase markers with low to no odor. It's Expo brand and your choice options are Black wedge tip (74-0655); set of 4 red, black, blue, & green chisel tip (74-0660); set of 4 red, black, blue, & green fine point (74-0665); and set of 8 red, black, blue, green, yellow, orange, brown & purple chisel tip (74-0670).

The Great Locker Clean Out a GREAT SUCCESS!!

Give yourselves a big round of applause. Look at what a successful Great Locker Clean Out (GLCO) you had...

We had 27 schools participate in this year's GLCO compared to the 20 from the previous year and increased the paper recycling by 30,600 pounds! We had a whopping 152,166 lbs total recycling in the month of July. We also saved 600 pounds of reusable materials (binders, paper, staplers,

books etc) that were donated to Janus Youth; a nonprofit that provides community-based services to enhance the

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quality of life for children.

It is great to see that our PPS schools care about

what kind of waste they generate from cleaning out their lockers at the end of the year.

A BIG thanks to all the schools who participated and partnered with other district AmeriCorps members for a successful Great Locker Clean Out. Let's aim to get every school involved for next year. Put it on the agenda and plan to participate. Let us donate the reusable materials you set aside from your Great Locker Clean Out.

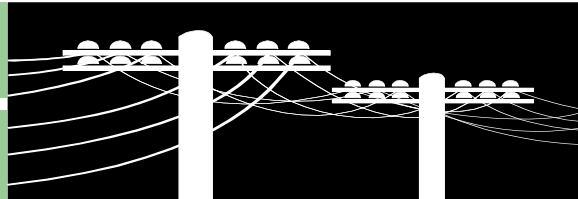
Energy Challenge!!

This winter approximately seventeen schools who committed to saving energy in the 2005-06 school year will be invited to join a pilot project called the Energy Challenge.

Each school will be competing against its own consumption of electrical energy from the previous school year to see if it can reduce its total kilowatt hours by at least 5%. There will be an incentive for each of

the schools to participate and at the end of the Challenge, all schools who saved that 5% or more will go into a drawing for a special reward for their efforts.

The Challenge will take the combined energies and commitment of all school staff, students and parents. Our goal is to change the way schools and homes think about energy use



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and the choices that individuals can make to influence how much they use. The competition will continue through the end of March and we know that this Challenge will be fun and worthwhile for everyone!

Portland Public Schools RECYCLE!!!

NOTICE: PPS recycles and receives money that goes into the general fund to support schools. **You can help by using recycling containers at after-school or evening events** where any of the following items are generated: plastic bottles, aluminum

cans, or paper. Each type of item should be collected separately and recycling boxes should be present in each of the schools - if not, please ask the custodian to bring a box (es). Please use the garbage cans for non-recyclable materials.

If you would like any information about recycling in the district please call 503-916-2000 x4267.





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- Nancy Bond, Resource Conservation Specialist, 503-916-2000, ext 4279, nbond@pps.k12.or.us
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at
<http://159.191.14.137/docs/pg/1862>

Put the date on your calendar!!

Our next RC meeting will be on the **19th and 20th of October from 4:30 to 6**. This is a beginning of the year Kick-off event that will knock your socks off. There will be success stories shared, ideas and innovations for conserving, door prizes, food and refreshments. Make sure to make an appearance and show your support for conservation in the district. Location is TBA so stay tuned!!!!

We have changed Haulers!!!

We would like to give a warm welcome to Waste Management of Oregon. We want to send a BIG thanks to Gresham Sanitary Service for a job well done over the past three years. Remember, any issues relating to your hauling service should be addressed through Nancy Bond, Resource Conservation Specialist. She can be reached at (503) 916-2000 x4279.

12th Annual Oregon Earth

Club Conference

I am pleased to invite all the High schools to the **12th Annual Oregon Earth Club Conference** on Thursday, October 20 at the World Forestry Center in Portland.

The Northwest Earth Institute's High School Earth Club Program is designed to motivate students to organize extra-curricular Earth Clubs and to develop earth-centered student projects.

The conference is the kick-off event for the school year and is a chance for stu-

dents and teachers to get ideas for projects and network with other schools and or-

ganizations.

If you have any questions or would like to attend Please call Sara Leverette at 503-227-2807 or email sara@nwei.org .



The Northwest Earth Institute welcomes all high school earth clubs!!!!

If you have an interest in starting a Earth Club in your high school, I am here to help. Please contact me as your Resource Conservation Coordinator, AmeriCorps member for the district to make your efforts go farther.

I can help with ideas, organizations, ordering, and contacts. Please call me at (503) 916-2000 x4267 or email me at szucker1@pps.k12.or.us