

READY'S RECYCLE NEWS



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Preble County School Teachers: Schedule a free and informative recycling presentation for your students! Facts, discussions, stories and crafts. Supplies provided. Call Beth Wright at Preble County Solid Waste District: 947-456-6680 or contact by e-mail: beth.wright@prebswmd.org.

LITTERBUG STORY

Tom was a bug who never cared about anyone. He was selfish and mean and never wanted to be clean.

Throughout the town, Tom was known as the Litterbug. For he would leave his trash everywhere he went. One day as Tom was walking, he ran into his friend Lila. Lila loved to clean and wanted Tom to help her clean by recycling, and throwing trash in the correct bin.

“Why should I have to clean? How will recycling and throwing trash away help anything?”, Tom said.

“Oh Tom, if you only knew the effect littering has on our environment. Come take a walk with me, and I will show you,” stated Lila.

“See Tom, our trees are dying and pollutants are filling our air. We have to do something about this or our town will be in ruins,” said Lila.

“Oh no! I feel so bad now for what I’ve done. What do we do now?” Tom cried.

“Don’t worry Tom. All we have to do now is throw our trash into the garbage can where it belongs,” said Lila.

So Tom and Lila started cleaning up the town and going back and picking up all the trash that had been littered.

Day by day the air became clearer and the flowers began to bloom.

“We did it!”, exclaimed Lila.

Tom was excited at all the work he and Lila had done to help his town and he vowed to never throw trash on the ground again but to throw it away in either the recycle or the trash bin. (Story continued on next page...)

What You Can Do...

When you see litter in the streets,
And the air smells of pollution,
When you feel like it's all piling up,
There's a solution.

There's something each of us can do,
To keep the rivers clean,
To keep fresh the air we breathe,
And keep the forests green.

Help clean a beach,
Or recycle bottles and cans,
Learn about the problems we face,
And help others understand.

It doesn't have to be a lot,
If we just do our share,
So take time out every day,
To show the Earth you care!

Poem found on:
classroomjr.com



LITTERBUG STORY (CONTINUED)

The town rewarded Tom and Lila for all their hard work, and named them the official King and Queen of Bug Town.

Everyone in town was excited and from then on joined as a community to keep their town and environment litter and pollutant free.

*Story by Ashleigh Vinson found on www.storyjumper.com.

IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING IN SCHOOLS
AND TIPS FOR STUDENT RECYCLING

Why is school recycling important?

1. Recycling saves natural resources. For example, recycling one ton of paper to make recycled paper saves 17 trees from being cut down in the forest to make new paper.
2. School recycling helps to reduce the solid waste stream therefore allowing landfills to fill up less quickly.
3. Recycling saves energy. For example, recycling one glass jar or bottle saves about four hours of electricity.
4. Schools use a lot of paper. Paper is 34% of the waste that goes into U.S. landfills. Paper is easily collected and recycled. Schools can have a large impact recycling paper as well as other easily recycled materials such as plastic water bottles, milk cartons, etc.
5. Recycling at schools teaches children at a young age the importance of environmental protection as well as giving them a sense of leadership and responsibility they can carry with them into adulthood.

Tips for student recycling programs at schools:

Have your Recycling Team decide the method for collecting recyclable material from the classrooms and other locations. Consider the following:

- a. Decide how often your Recycling Team will collect recycling– once a week or once every two weeks. (article continued on next page...)

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Designate a collection day and time that will be consistent.

- b. If your Team is collection during the school day, consider asking classes to place the recycling bin (or just the bag of paper) outside the door to minimize disturbance.
- c. Have your Recycling Team use a rolling cart to roll around from classroom to classroom and collect the bagged paper.
- d. Transport to the recycling dumpster and remove bags from the carts and place them in the dumpster.
- e. Designate a storage location for your rolling carts. You may want to stow them away in a closet or a safe location outside.
- f. Distribute and/or post information at your school on how to recycle. You will want to include pictures of materials that should and should not be thrown into the bins. A whole bin of recyclables can be made unusable if too much trash gets put in.
- g. If using bags to collect recyclables, use only clear bags made just for recycling which can be purchased from Home Depot.
- h. Break down cardboard boxes to save dumpster space.
- i. Set up a reward system for students who "get caught recycling".
- j. Weigh bags of recyclables to see if you are making progress with your collections. Use your math skills and develop teambuilding. Reward the classrooms with the highest weights being recycled. (pizza party, etc.)
- k. Start a school wide recycling contest. Poster contests, essay contests, or group projects make recycling exciting and fun!

Finally, make sure that your recycling program has an overall coordinator in charge of communication with teachers, students, and staff to help your program run as efficiently as possible. *Source article was found at: <https://www.nwf.org/~/media/PDFs/Eco-schools/40956.ashx>

Recycling Song

-Sung to "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

Save, save, save your papers,
throw them in the bin,
We can help to save the Earth,
if we all pitch in.

Save, save, save your bottles,
throw them in the bin,
We can help to save the Earth,
if we all pitch in.

Save, save, save your cans,
throw them in the bin,
We can help to save the Earth,
if we all pitch in.

Save, save, save your plastics,
throw them in the bin,
We can help to save the Earth,
if we all pitch in.

**Song obtained from:
Teach Junkie**



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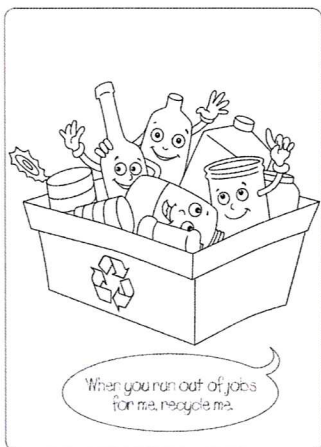
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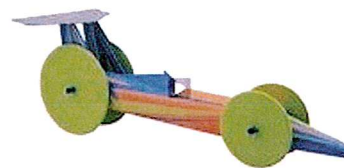
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www.preblecountyrecycles.org

Our Mission:
The Preble County Solid Waste District is dedicated to promoting recycling, waste reduction, and responsible waste management within Preble County, Ohio. We want to assure safe and sanitary disposal of solid waste for Preble County residents and reduce reusable or renewable waste from entering our landfill.

Color Me Happy
When You Recycle...



Cardboard Tube PT Cruiser Craft



Always use your imagination and be creative when building this Cardboard Tube PT Cruiser or any others. It's your creation, so be inventive when looking for building supplies— you may just be surprised! When building your project, experiment with new and different ways of putting it together. The most important thing is to have fun!

Supplies:

1 paper towel tube, old box or some cardboard (for wheels), hole punch, two straws, tape (colored for decorations)

Instructions:

Start out by making your PT Racer wheels. Take an old box or piece of cardboard and draw four circles (two big ones for the rear wheels and two small ones for the front). Then carefully cut out all four wheels. Find the center of each wheel and make a small hole for your straw axle to slide through. Try not to make the hole too big or your wheels might wobble.

Next make four holes on your PT tube using a hole punch. Try to make all your holes as level as possible. Now insert your axle straws. You may have to adjust your holes a little so that the straws turn freely.

Now slide your cool wheels onto your straw axles. Trim the straws down, making sure to leave some excess so you can adjust the wheels and be able to tape the ends to secure the wheels. You can make the front of your PT Racer look any way you want! Experiment and have fun!

How about a tail? Cut out different designs, hold them up and decide on a good look. You can get really creative. Voila! Your PT Racer is ready to zip past at daring speeds!

Now for the best part! Dress it up! Cove it with colored tape, paint, or stickers. You can design flames, lightning bolts, or polka dots. The sky's the limit! Happy racing!

*Craft idea was found on www.freekidscrafts.com