

Environmental Awareness Committee Newsletter



***APRIL IS EARTH MONTH -
EARTH DAY IS
APRIL 22, 2012!!***



- **NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM!** - We are happy to announce that STLC now has a paper recycling program! We are working with Paper Retriever, a community recycling program which will pay STLC for each ton collected! The more we recycle; the more funds the school will earn per ton. Please remember to save and bring all of your paper recyclables to the green and yellow recycle bin located on the west side of the school. Simply open the gate and you will see the bin. This is an easy way for you to recycle your paper as often as you need to while helping us raise money for our school. It is easy to get started – just collect your paper in a box and bring your paper to the school bin each week! Recycling not only saves trees, but also reduces landfill use, saves water, energy and jobs, and enables our community to come together for this fundraising program. The collected paper will be used for home insulation, newsprint and magazine print. Please help us spread the word; let your neighbors, friends and family know that they can contribute to our school as well! In order for this program to be a success, we need your participation. Thank you in advance for your year-round support of this important fundraising opportunity! Please take a moment to watch this short video with your family to learn more about this full circle recycling process:

<http://www.paperretriever.com/Recycle-For-The-Future-Video/>.



YES:

Cardboard (flattened please)
Food/Cereal Boxes
Newspaper
Catalogs
Books
Phone Books
Magazines
Office & School Paper
Shopping Catalogs
Junk Mail
Spiral Notebooks
Colored Paper
Workbooks
Window Envelopes
**Shredded Paper (plastic bagged is ok
with a small hole in the bag to let air out)**

NO:

Plastic
Styrofoam
Glass
Metal/Cans
Trash
Post-It Notes
Greasy Pizza Boxes



****** For every ton of paper collected, 17 trees and 7000 Gallons of water will be saved! ******

- **Wear Green for Earth Day!**- STLC will be celebrating Earth Day on April 23rd, 2012! Please have your child wear green or blue and be sure your family continues to make Earth-friendly choices in your daily lives. Encourage your kids to turn off the lights or electronics when leaving a room (energy conservation), turn off the water while brushing their teeth (water conservation), and recycle when possible! Remember, every small action makes a huge difference!
- **Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe Program***: **Please continue to bring in unwanted athletic shoes for donation!** - We are still collecting athletic shoes for Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program. The recycled shoes will be used in creating track surfaces, interlocking gym flooring tiles, playground surfaces, outdoor basketball and tennis courts, cushioning pads for indoor synthetic courts and wood courts, as well as new Nike products. Please remember to bring in any unwanted athletic shoes soon **as soon as possible**; there are collection boxes in the front office. Please take a moment to watch this video showing how the shoes are recycled:

<http://www.nikereuseashoe.com/where-it-goes/recycling-process>

- **Air Quality Flag Program** - By now you may have noticed the different colored Air Quality Flags which hang outside the school each day to notify the public of air quality conditions. We will continue to keep you informed so that you and your families can modify daily activities to reduce exposure to pollutants. Air quality greatly affects how we live and breathe; reducing exposure to outdoor air pollutants is a simple and effective way to protect children.
- **Carpooling** -If you are interested in creating a carpool, please send an email to stlccarpooling@hotmail.com. Carpools will be organized and run by STLC parents. The school will not be involved in the program, simply send an email to the above email address and provide your name, address, and phone number to coordinate with other STLC families. Keep in mind that this will be a parent run program and neither the school or the parents who are helping organize this effort are liable or responsible in any way.