

1) Nike Sneaker collection they call reuse a shoe: Established in the early 1990s, Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program collects old, worn-out athletic shoes for recycling, transforming them into Nike Grind, a material used in creating athletic and playground surfaces as well as select Nike products. www.nikereuseashoe.com . May 2008 PLP collected over 300 pairs of shoes. The next drive is Sept 14-25 2009.

2) Adopt A Highway – PLP has adopted the 2 mile stretch of Hwy 115 in front of the campus between Presbyterian Rd and Faith Rd through the NC dept of transportation. NCDOT provides bags, gloves and vests. Students age 14 and up clean it 4 times a year. The first cleanup on Nov 8th and 9th brought in 30-40 volunteers over 2 days and about 35 bags of trash.

3) NC BIG SWEEP is the award-winning 501(c)(3) grassroots nonprofit organization whose **mission is litter-free watersheds**. NC BIG SWEEP conducts year-round education to prevent litter and coordinate The 2009 North Carolina Big Sweep, the North Carolina component of the International Coastal Cleanup--an event in which volunteers from all 100 counties in the State and approximately 90 countries worldwide come together to clean up our watersheds. The statewide date for the fall cleanup is the first Saturday in October--which is Oct. 3, 2009.
www.ncbigssweep.org

PLP participated in the Oct 4th 2008 cleanup. We road on boats to some Lake Norman Islands and helped pick up at Latta Plantation and Davidson Greenway. About 100 volunteers.

4) On campus recycling – Temporary classroom cardboard recycling bins used by the campus to recycle plastics #1 and #2, white paper and aluminum cans. The STUDENTS (volunteer) collect the recycling from the classrooms during Friday lunch using roll out carts and then the US students empty the roll out carts into the dumpster from the US,MS and LS.

5) Bottle Cap Collection – For PLP's 100th day of school the students were asked to bring in 100 caps per classroom (or 100 per student). The classroom that collects the most will present them to the Aveda Salon. Aveda has been able to work closely with their suppliers to develop ways to make new caps and containers from the recycled caps.
www.aveda.com

6) Campus Cleanup- January 24th PLP had its first campus cleanup. With about 30 parent/student volunteers we cleaned up the campus in about 2 hours including the wooded areas. This is an ongoing event.

7) School Kits – PLP will offer students the option to purchase their Grade supply list in its entirety. This will cut down on multiple store visits (save gas) and will avoid the need for grocery store bags.

8) Sports bottles – PLP is working towards providing stainless steel/aluminum sports water bottles to the 2008/2009 school year athletes at their Sports Dinner in May. These bottles will be available for purchase to every student/parent/academic partner going forward.

9) Waste Free lunch weeks – PLP encourages waste free lunches and promotes it every 3rd week of every month. A waste free lunch would consist of food in Tupperware (as opposed to individual serving size packing), re-useable drink bottles, cloth napkins and silverware. Information on www.wastefreelunch.org

10) Cartridges for Kids – PLP is running a 2 month contest to collect and recycle Cell phones, inkjet cartridges, laser cartridges, PDAs, iPods, laptops, video game consoles, DVD movies in cases, digital cameras, video games. After the contest this will be an ongoing on-campus recycling activity. A PLP parent and a group of MS students are collecting the items and mailing them to the companies that will reuse/recycle. Visit www.cartridgesforkids.com for affect on environment.

Upcoming items:

Curriculum- waste in place

Compost

Earth Day-

Bluebird habitat

Crayon recycling

Adopt an Island

Terracycle.org

Grants for plastic bins and central receptacles