

April 2011 – Recycle

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- An aluminum can that is thrown away will still be a can 500 years from now but a used aluminum can is recycled and back on the grocery shelf as a new can, in as little as 60 days.
- Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour! Most of them are thrown away!
- If every American recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, we would save about 25,000,000 trees a year.
- The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle can run a 100-watt light bulb for four hours or a compact fluorescent bulb for 20 hours. It also causes 20% less air pollution and 50% less water pollution than when a new bottle is made from raw materials.



Broad Acres Elementary School has just held their Fourth Annual Recycling Essay Contest and is pleased to announce that they received over 200 entries this year! Select link below for more information:

<http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/pdf/broadacres.pdf>



Watch how MCPS schools are promoting recycling...

Seneca Valley HS—Nothing but recycling: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Yb8Rd0vVug>
Northwest HS—Recycle like a boss: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sUVUVfRs0_0

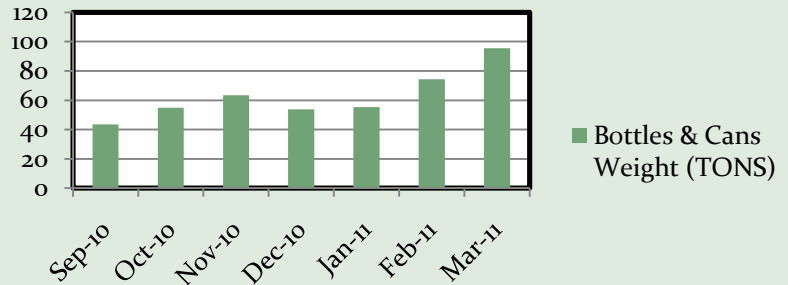


End of school year clean up?

It is almost that time of the year once again. Please be sure to coordinate in advance with SERT office if you anticipate the need for extra pick up of paper and cardboard due to end of school year cleaning. Please contact Richard Benjamin or John Meyer at 240-314-1090.

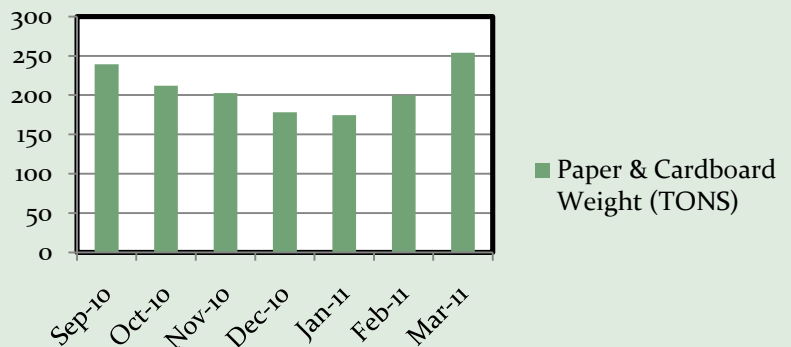
Thank you for your efforts in making significant improvements in bottles & cans recycling. March has been the best month so far this year with 95 TONS captured.

MCPS Bottles & Cans Weight (TONS)



MCPS recycled over 253 TONS of paper & cardboard during the month of March making it the highest month this school year. Once again, thank you for your being responsible recyclers.

MCPS Paper & Cardboard Weight (TONS)



Drive for Supplies Still time to sign up for your MCPS school/office to participate!

Deadline extended to May 6, 2011

Drive for Supplies is a program to encourage students to donate used, but usable, school supplies. Montgomery County Public Schools participates at the end-of-the-school year when they encourage students to clean out their lockers, bookbags and/or desks and donate their used, but usable, supplies. At the same time, our schools are using this opportunity to educate students about recycling. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/sao/supplies/d4smcps.shtm>



For more information on MCPS recycling, tips, activities and frequently asked questions, please visit us at:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/sert.shtm>

If you have additional questions, please e-mail to recycling@mcpsmd.org or contact SERT office at 240-314-1090