



SERT Flash

School Energy and Recycling Team



Recycling in Action Cedar Grove Elementary School



Cedar Grove Elementary School has a School Energy & Recycling Team (SERT) team of students actively engaged in recycling, TerraCycling¹, and energy conservation.

Each day at lunch students pass clearly marked containers from table to table to collect the different packaging items that are recycled through TerraCycling. The assigned team collects the containers with the help of a parent volunteer and places them on a cart for transport to the collection bins in the hallway next to the lunch room. Next, the sorting begins where the team separates the items and places them into clearly marked large bins for storage until they are shipped for processing.

At the same time another coordinated team of students moves throughout the school collecting the standard recycling items such as cans, bottles, and paper. These items are collected in blue rolling cans that students can easily manage down the halls while stopping at each classroom to collect the recyclables.

A third team is assigned to collect data on the lights that have been turned off in each unoccupied room. A large display in the hall shares information with the school on their progress and their mission. Cedar Grove Elementary School shows just how easy it is to meet the mission of SERT to reduce energy consumption and increase recycling rates.

¹ TerraCycles is a company whose goal is to eliminate the idea of waste by partnering with schools to create a collection program for non-recyclable material. <http://www.terracycle.net/>

Do you have a “SERT Flash” you would like to share about your SERT efforts? Please submit a photograph and paragraph about your team and you too can be featured in a future FLASH!

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