



SERT Flash

School Energy and Recycling Team



Welcome Back To School!

The SERT office would like to thank each and every administrator, staff member, student, and community user, for their continued energy conservation efforts. Because of your dedication to conservation we achieved record energy savings. With your continued efforts we can achieve higher rates this year!

Since we are early in the school year and the opportunity for record savings is here now, we are hoping to inspire energy-aware behavior. Did you know that human behavior has the biggest impact on reducing our energy use? Now is the time for all schools to come up with fun and creative ways to "reduce the juice." Here are a few simple ways to help reduce the carbon footprint at your school:

- [Create/promote energy awareness at your school](#)
- [Keep doors and windows closed during heating/cooling season](#)
- [Turn off lights in unoccupied areas](#)
- [Shut down computers/printers at the end of the school day](#)
- [Reduce plug-load usage when feasible \(unplug chargers and appliances\)](#)

Let us know what you are doing at your school to conserve and we can write up a "SERT Flash" to showcase your strategies! Visit the SERT web site to get new ideas and activities.

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

If you have any questions or concerns in regard to SERT, feel free to contact our office at
240-314-1090.....

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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! E-mail: [Barbara M Ruppel@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Barbara_M_Ruppel@mcpsmd.org) SERT Program- 240-314-1090

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