

August 24, 2009

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome back for the 2009-2010 school year. Once again our school will be helping the environment by recycling **aluminum** cans, and we will continue with our annual contest to see which class brings in the most cans and which class has the most participation. (Please no tin or steel cans.) Last year our school recycled over 56,000 aluminum cans and raised over \$600.00 for our school. In the past these funds have been used for the purchase of items for the Computer Lab, Music Department, Physical Education Department, Art Department, and classroom audio/visual equipment. Our final winners were Mrs. Patrick's and Mrs. McClure's class with about 8,000 cans apiece and a class participation count of 187 and 136.

All you need to do is collect your **aluminum** cans during the week. It is preferable (but not required) that they be rinsed out and crushed. Put them in a plastic bag and bring them in on a recycling day. When we take the cans to the recycling center, we **can't** have smaller bags of cans inside of larger garbage bags; therefore, we ask that you either discard the smaller bags and condense the cans into one large garbage bag or inform us that there are smaller bags inside the larger one.

Note: The Bus Transportation Department has asked that the large bags of cans be brought in to the school and not brought in on the bus. If the aisles are blocked, it creates a safety issue. Smaller bags can be taken on the bus and will hold 25-30. They are small enough to be placed on your child's lap or on the floor near their feet. Please double bag your cans so that they do not leak.

You can leave large bags by the side parking lot back door, but **be sure** to inform the recycling team or your child's teacher of the can count. We want to be sure that your class receives credit for the cans.

You can turn in your cans on the following dates:

September 11th & 25th
October 9th & 23rd
November 6th & 20th
December 4th & 18th
January 8th & 22nd

February 5th & 19th
March 5th & 19th
April 9th & 23rd
May 7th & 21st
June 4th

ONE LAST NOTE: We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to take these cans to the Maryland Recycling Co. on Gwynns Mills Ct. which is near Painters Mill Road. Since we average 4,000-5,000 cans per recycling day, it would be best if you had a van, pick-up truck, or an SUV.

Thank you for your help!

The Cedarmere Family