

green update

projects & proposals

The ERisgreenER campaign is starting with great promise! Excited teachers instituted new green programs in their classrooms. Kids enthusiastically embraced new earth-friendly behaviors and over 200 added their eco-shapes ideas and actions to our school collection. Here are just a few of the new green programs sprouting at El Rodeo in these last few weeks.

1. 2nd grade teachers are leading a campaign to reinvigorate the ER Community garden
2. The 4th and 5th graders have created a bottle & can recycling plan for all classrooms.
3. Ms. Mazor is showing The Human Footprint to her students in support of ERisgreenER
4. 5th Graders wrote GREEN sentences for their weekly Vocabulary words.
5. A 2nd Grade teacher stopped paper waste by writing her assignments on the board.
6. 5th Graders ate on biodegradable paper products at their Thanksgiving feast.
7. The new bottle/can recycling project brought in over \$35.10 in just their first 2 weeks!
8. We see more and more kids using reusable water containers at school

Imagine the impact these kids have had in just this week!



ER's 3Rs

Three great ways you can eliminate waste and protect your environment

REDUCE: Limit your use of paper by using both sides of the paper for homework.

REUSE: Turn your plastic water bottle into a pencil holder on your desk.

RECYCLE: When recycling, empty your bottle or can before discarding it in the recycling bin. Don't crush cans because a scanner needs to read the bar code and don't throw food, napkis or utensils into the bin because it contaminates the cans and bottles.

ecolinks

great green internet websites

With goodguide.com, you can find better products based on what's most important to you, and avoid products that are detrimental to your health, the environment or society.

And for eco-friendly gifts, check out www.greengiftguide.com or consider investing in One Laptop Per Child at laptop.org, a wonderful company dedicated to giving laptop computers to children in developing nations.

get in the spirit

garb & gadgets



ERisgreenER Stapleless Stapler:
REDUCES CARBON FOOTPRINT

Staples seem small, insignificant. They disappear into trash cans, attached to discarded reports and printouts at astounding rates. A colossal number of them are ending up in landfills every year - where they sit, stubbornly refusing to biodegrade. Our ERisgreenER stapleless stapler binds 3-5 pieces of paper with a buckle stitch, punched out of the paper sheet itself. It's safe, environmental friendly and makes recycling paper easier because there is no staple to remove.

These staplers and other ERisgreenER products will be available Wednesdays after school - \$5.

eco-tip

Calculate your Carbon Footprint & then balance it with Carbon Offsets!

All of our decisions and patterns of behaviour add up to a "footprint," which is just a way of measuring people's demands on nature. The Zerofootprint Kid's Calculator at www.zerofootprintkids.com provides numbers in terms of carbon dioxide, water, trees, and land. For example, the average American makes a series of daily decisions that creates nearly 9 tons of CO2 each year, while using 430,600 gallons of water, 3.5 trees, and 8 acres of land. You can offset your impact on the environment by purchasing carbon offsets which are investments in carbon neutral ideas like wind power or planting a tree. Check out www.terrapass.com to purchase carbon offsets.

join in

local green activities & events

Each issue of THE ERisgreenER SCOOP, lists fun, Los Angeles based eco-activities for you to enjoy with your family.* For additional events, check out <http://gotogreenla.com/>

BH Recycles e-Waste:
1st Sunday of the month

Drop off: 9300 Block of the Civic Center Drive located at Civic Center & Third Street
For more information 310-285-2467

Electronics contain heavy metals & potentially toxic substances. Beverly Hills collects your:

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| Televisions Sets | TV/VCR combos |
| Computer CPU's, | monitors, |
| mice | keyboards |
| Printers | Copiers |
| Fax machines | Cell Phones |
| Radios | Stereos |
| alarm clocks | Hair Dryers |

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green festivals & commemorations

2008 Environmental Youth Conference - GET YOUR GREEN ON

Saturday, Dec 13 8:00am to 1:00pm at Los Angeles Convention Center - South Hall., Los Angeles, CA

Price: Free

Phone: (213) 473-9950

Be part of the largest youth environmental event in the west! All Los Angeles residents are invited to this green education event for the youth and by the youth. Come with your school, faith organization or neighborhood group, and learn all about environmentalism through tree plantings, green jobs, and buying eco-friendly. For more information, visit www.milliontreesla.org