



Marking Period 3 2024-2025

Reusable bottle Program:

- **327 students** (89%) of first to eighth graders **brought in a reusable bottle every day in marking period 3** and earned the second reward!
 - o If each of those students brought in **just one single-use bottle every day instead of a reusable** one in the third marking period, it **would have come to 14,715 single use plastic water bottles!**
 - o 14,715 single-use water bottles, if lined up, would measure about 1.67 miles, and would weigh 309 pounds!!!
- **So far this year our school has prevented the waste from about 43,127 single use bottles from being created!**
 - o 43,127 single use plastic bottles would weigh 905 pounds and measure 3.23 miles if lined up end to end.
 - o 4.89 miles is a little farther than the distance from the most Southern Point of Absecon Island in Longport to Somerset Park in Ventnor City!!!
- Excellent work preventing that waste from even being created in the first place VECC!!!

Beach Cleanups:

- 1 beach cleanup took place this marking period at the Ventnor Fishing Pier.
- **35lbs of trash was collected at the cleanup!!!**
 - o For detailed reports, see the VECC Green Team tab on our website or the data sheet on Mr. Capizola's door (room 301).
 - o All data was sent to Surfrider National to help advocate for environmental legislation.
- **Yearly total of 1,307 pounds of trash was collected by VECC students at the 6 beach cleanups we hosted around Ventnor this school year!**

Single Sided Paper:

- Marking period 3:
 - o Elementary office: 4.5lbs of single sided paper saved for reuse!
 - o Elementary copy room: 24lbs of single sided paper saved for reuse!
 - o Middle school office: 0.5lbs of single sided paper saved for reuse!
 - o Middle school copy room: 2lbs of single sided paper saved for reuse!
 - o Nurse's office: 1.5lbs of single sided paper saved for reuse!
 - o Library: 2lb of single sided paper saved for reuse!
 - o Marking Period 3 total: 34.5lbs



- Yearly total of single sided paper saved for reuse so far: **78.5 pounds!**

Printer Ink Recycling:

- **23 used printer cartridges were collected** in marking period 3 and will be brought to Staples for recycling instead of being thrown out in the landfill!
- **Individual cartridges collected this year so far: 114 cartridges!**

Save for Snack Initiative:

- In marking period four, **414 snacks and 350 plastic utensils were saved** by 1st to 8th grade student breakfasts and lunches to be eaten or used later in the school day instead of being thrown away!
- Our yearly total for snacks and utensils saved this year was **1,006 snacks and 740 utensils!**

Crayon and Marker Recycling:

- Collection bins were placed in the elementary and middle school teachers rooms to collect the following items to be recycled at Staples:
 - o **Dead markers: 4 pounds** collected for recycling!
 - o **Crayons: 0 pounds** collected for recycling!
 - o **Pencils/colored pencils: 0 pounds** collected for recycling!
 - o **Glue Sticks: 0.4 pounds** collected for recycling!

Spreading the Word:

- Mr. Capizola presented our district's initiatives at the Sustainable Jersey HUB event for Atlantic and Cape May Counties this past February
 - o Mays Landing and Ocean City school districts, requested further information about our school's Reusable Water Bottle Program and Save for Snack Initiative in hopes to implement similar programs in their schools!
- Students' beach cleanup efforts were recognized at the Commissioners' meeting in January!
- VECC Green Team partnered with the Surfrider Foundation of South Jersey to plan the MLK Day cleanup
- *Ventnor 8th Graders Honored for their Work caring for the Environment* by Nanette Galloway (Downbeach.com January 27, 2025)