



## 2024-2025 Marking Period 1 Report

### Reusable Bottle Program:

- **316 students** (89%) of first to eighth graders **brought in a reusable bottle every day in marking period 1** and earned the reward!
  - o If each of those students brought in **just one single-use bottle every day instead of a reusable one** in the first marking period, it **would have come to 12,956 single use plastic water bottles!**
  - o 12,956 single use water bottles, if lined up, would measure about 1.63 miles, and would weigh 271 pounds!!!
- Excellent work preventing that waste from even being created in the first place VECC!!!

### Beach Cleanups:

- **2 beach cleanups** took place this marking period (Ski Beach and Newport Ave Beach)
- Ski Beach cleanup had **38 student volunteers** and 2 teacher volunteers
- Newport Avenue Beach had **30 student volunteers** and 3 teacher volunteers.
- **198lbs of trash** was **collected at the two cleanups** this marking period!!!
  - o For detailed reports, see the VECC Green Team tab on our school website
  - o All data was submitted to Surfrider National to help advocate for environmental legislation.
- **Yearly total of 198 pounds of litter was collected by VECC students at the 2 beach cleanups we hosted around Ventnor so far this year.**

### Single Sided Paper Collections:

- Marking period 1:
  - o Elementary office: 5 pounds of single sided paper saved for reuse!
  - o Elementary copy room: 17 pounds of single sided paper saved for reuse!
  - o Middle school office: 2 pounds of single sided paper saved for reuse!
  - o Middle school copy room: 2 pounds of single sided paper saved for reuse!
  - o Nurse's office: 3 of single sided paper saved for reuse!
  - o Library: 1 pound of single sided paper saved for reuse!
- **Marking Period 1 total: 30 pounds**
- **Yearly total of single sided paper saved for reuse so far: 30 pounds**

### Printer Ink Recycling:

- **66 used printer cartridges were collected** in marking period 1 and will be brought to Staples for recycling instead of being thrown out in the landfill!
- **Total printer cartridges recycled this year so far: 66!**

### Save for Snack Initiative:

- In marking period one, **309 snacks and 228 plastic utensils were saved** by 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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 **309 snacks and 228 utensils!**
- Email sent to our new food program Nutri-Serve asking them to switch from using gallon sized zip lock bags for breakfasts to compostable paper bags, they happily switched over!

### Spreading the Word:

- **All fliers are printed on single-sided paper the VECC Green Team collected from around the school.**
- "How you can help Monarchs" fliers distributed to Pre-k to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- "Cape May Monarch Fest" fliers distributed to Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- "VECC Safe Walking and Biking Routes" maps distributed to in 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- "Bicycle Safety Tips" fliers distributed to 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students