



## Marking Period 2 Report

### Reusable bottle Program:

- 313 students (85%) of first to eighth graders brought in a reusable bottle every day and earned the second reward!
- If each of those students brought in just one single use bottle every day for the second marking period instead of a reusable one, it would have come to 12,833 plastic water bottles!
- 12,833 single use water bottles, if lined up, would measure about 1.6 miles and would weigh 268 pounds!!!
- If all of the students who brought in reusable bottles for both marking periods brought a single use plastic bottle each day instead, it would have added up to 27,008 plastic bottles which would weigh 565 pounds and measure about 3.4 miles which is approximately the distance between Lucy the Elephant and the Knife and Fork Inn! Excellent work preventing that waste from even being created in the first place!!!

### Single Sided Paper:

- Elementary office: 4.5lbs of old single sided paper saved for reuse!
- Elementary copy room: 10lbs of old single sided paper saved for reuse!
- Middle school office: 1.25lb of old single sided paper saved for reuse!
- Middle school copy room: 2.5lbs of old single sided paper saved for reuse!
- Nurse's office: 2lbs of old single sided paper saved for reuse!
- Library (MP1 and 2): 4lbs of old single sided paper saved for reuse!
- Marking Period 2 total: 24.25lbs
- Yearly total of paper saved for reuse so far: 70.25 pounds!

### Printer ink marking period 1:

- 31 used printer cartridges (about 56 lbs!) were collected and will be brought to Staples for recycling instead of being thrown out in the landfill!
- Total pounds of printer cartridges recycled this year so far: 101 pounds!

### Beach Cleanups

- 2 beach cleanups this marking period (Holland Boat House, Ventnor Fishing Pier and Boardwalk)
- 71lbs of trash and 17lbs of recycling collected at the two cleanups this marking period.
- For detailed reports, see my door (room 301) or the green team tab on our website.
- All data was sent to Surfrider National to help advocate for environmental legislation.
- Grand total of 345lbs of litter (Trash and recycling) collected by VECC at beach cleanups so far this school year!

### Sustainable Jersey for Schools:

- Save for Snack initiative was approved by administration and started February 1<sup>st</sup>! Please continue to follow the program to reduce the amount of food waste we create.
- Received Atlanticare Healthy Schools Garden Grant to help fund our future community food garden along Lafayette Avenue! The proposed location (next to our Ocean Friendly Garden) was submitted to Building and Grounds for approval along with two locations to plant trees on campus for an Earth Day/Arbor Day event.
- VECC Green Team members are continuing to write up initiatives in efforts to earn a bronze certification for our school by the end of the year.