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This Month's Theme: CEC GREEN KIDS

Students Take Environmental Action

By Tahara Ezrahti, CEC Education Coordinator

Goleta Family School students are making a difference in the environment. Teri Brigg's class is part of the Community Environmental Council (CEC) Green Kids program. They are learning about natural resources, gardening, recycling, watersheds and more. And they are having fun while they learn! On field trips to Art From Scrap, the Recycling Center and the Watershed Resource Center, students take part in environmental activities.

And these students are really active! This year they made a large garden at their school. They started a Pick-Up-Trash Club that recycles 93% of the litter they pick up at their school. They published an environmental newspaper and DVD, and started an aluminum can drive. Students are also busy creating a school assembly about reduce, reuse and recycle.

And there is more! Goleta Family School students organized the Goleta Earth Day Festival at Stow Grove. As part of CEC's Creek Watchers program, they are monitoring the quality of the water at Maria Ignacio Creek.

They are planting native plants to help restore the Devereux Slough. They are planning a garden at a homeless shelter. They have plans to start a paper factory at Foothill School. They have also adopted Howie, a Manatee from Florida.

Last year Ms. Brigg's class was the first runner up in Disney's Environmental Challenge.

With all they do, we think this year they should win the grand prize trip to Disneyland!

Who says you can't change the world? Goleta Family School is showing us how kids can make a difference!



Teri Brigg's environmental students at Goleta Family School

HOT TOPICS

The Community Environmental Council asked Green Kids participants:

"What Green Kids environmental project are you doing? How does it help the environment?"

"We're doing a creek clean-up at Maria Ygnacio Creek so that when the water goes into the ocean it is clean."



SEPIDEH PARHAMI
4th grade, Goleta Family School



"We are building a garden for homeless people so they have fresh food to eat and learn how to garden."

DILLON NADLER
4th grade, Goleta Family School

"My project is the pick-up trash club. We pick-up litter at school and sort out the recycling."



COBY SNYDER
2nd grade, Goleta Family School



"I'm doing a beach clean-up because I feel that the beaches are dirty and cleaning them will help sea creatures."

DYLAN VINEYARD
6th grade, La Patera School

"I am doing a school clean-up. The bottles and cans that I find will be turned in for money for science camp."



JENNA BECKER
6th grade, La Patera School



"I am doing a beach clean-up. It is very important to make sure the beach is safe for everyone."

CHLOE ZIKE
6th grade, La Patera School

Come to Earth Day on April 18th at the Santa Barbara Courthouse Sunken Gardens. The Student Environmentalist Awards Ceremony will be at 1:20 on the main stage.

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Everything Comes From the Earth





By Cay Sanchez, CEC Education Director


Look around. All the things you see like the TV, a book, or your clothes are made from Natural Resources. Plants, animals, minerals, and oil are all groups of natural resources that we use to make

everything. Since all natural resources come from the Earth, that means EVERYTHING comes from the Earth!

Draw a line from each item to the Natural Resource it is made from. When you finish, check the answer key below.

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Plants 
- Petroleum 
- Animals 
- Minerals 

-  Leather boots
-  Glass bottles
-  Newspapers
-  Aluminum cans
-  Fruits and vegetables
-  Plastic chairs
-  Gasoline

ANSWER KEY:
Plants - Fruits and vegetables, newspaper
Animals - Leather boot
Minerals - Glass bottle, aluminum can
Petroleum - Gasoline, plastic chair

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Everything Ends Up Somewhere!!!

By Angela Lang, CEC Environmental Educator

Do you know that you live in a watershed? A watershed is any place where rain falls, like on the mountains, on a lake, or on a city. When it rains, anything that is lying on the ground in a watershed is washed downhill and ends up somewhere else.

Do you know where litter on the ground ends up when it rains? Rain carries litter downhill and into creeks. Because creeks drain into the ocean, the litter ends up in the ocean or on the beach.

If you want to keep your watershed and the beach clean, make sure not to litter. When litter has already washed into a creek or the beach, you can help by picking it up and putting it in the trash or the recycling can. With your help we can make sure that everything ends up where it should!


For beach clean-up days and other things kids can do to keep the environment clean, call the Community Environmental Council Watershed Resource Center at (805) 682-8246. Upcoming beach clean-ups are Sunday, April 18th, from 12-2 and Saturday, May 8th, from 12-2.

Arroyo Burro Beach Clean Up



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