

UPDATE ON WHATS HAPPENING WITH

PUBLIC ACHIEVEMENT at sjv

winter 2010

The Earth Heroes are a group of five third graders: Gina, Brianna, Gabrielle, Tyler, and Minnie. They want to save the trees and encourage the community to recycle. The kids have decided that decorating the recycling bins throughout the school is the first step to encouraging everyone to recycle. The kids have also decided that decorating the bins is not enough, so we decided to take on another task. We are creating decorative fliers to put up around the school with facts about recycling and the dangers of cutting down trees.

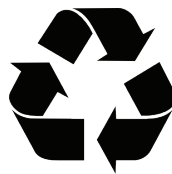
Jake and Robin

We are the 'Bag Beasts.' Our topic for Public Achievement is plastic bag pollution. We have learned that nearly 500 billion plastic bags are used each year, and millions end up polluting our environment and kill our wildlife. Our team motto is, 'REFUSE, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE.' Take reusable bags when you go shopping, place as many items in each bag as possible, reuse plastic bags for storing items and bin liners, and find a store near you that has a recycling bin. Our goal is to make brochures to educate people about plastic bag pollution in our environment.

Thank you for your future support!

From the 5th and 6th graders: Carson, Logan, Zach, Chris, and Ben.
Coaches: Christina and Kelcey

Hello! We're Peter and Courtney and we are the PA coaches for the PICK UP CREW! Our PA group is committed to cleaning up the earth, even in our own neighborhoods and schools. Part of our mission statement says that we are determined to be part of the change that our environment needs. We are currently planning a spring clean-up day around the campus at SJV. Stay tuned for further notice!



THE NATIONAL HABITAT LIFE GROUP WILL BE MAKING A VIDEO FOR THEIR PROJECT THAT WILL HOPEFULLY BE POSTED ON YOUTUBE.COM

THE VIDEO WILL BE ABOUT HOW WE CAN HELP SAVE ANIMAL HABITATS IN AN INFORMATIVE AND FUNNY WAY.

MOLLY ONEILL AND RACHEL BIRKEY

Hello, our names

are Jake Spreigl and Anna Dupre, and we are the coaches for the poaching group made up of 4th, 5th and 6th graders. So far, we have made great progress on our project. We were going to make a skit, but instead contacted a DNR officer, who is going to speak to the kids about poaching. We will take the information from his presentation and reform it into an educational short film about our topic.

Our group is Plastic Abomination, our goal is making the community aware of the harmful effects plastic bags have on the environment. Our project is making brochures, we will be going to mass on a Sunday and set up a table and answer questions.

Hello! We are the Pepperoni Pandas, a Public Achievement group dedicated to making people aware of endangered animals. We are specifically focusing on animals at risk in the area of Asia. For our project, we will be selling cookies along with endangered animal fact cards during lunch and after school on February 23, 2010.

We will be donating the money we raise to a local animal shelter. Our group is working very hard to make people aware of animals who are at risk around the world.



Hello, this is Michelle, Allison, Morgan, Cassie, Monica, Nick, and Michael, and we are the Plastic Force Seven. We are working educate the public about the harmful waste of plastic bottles, and convince them to reuse, reuse, and recycle! We aim to help people realize that tap water is cheaper, healthier, and less wasteful. For our project, we will create posters to hang up near the trash cans in the cafeteria at St. John Vianney's to remind students to recycle, and we will host a taste test within the school to prove that the taste of bottled water versus tap water is too insignificant- so why not help reduce the waste?!

The Pollution Control group is working on the topic of noise pollution prevention. We are working on a presentation that we will be showing to the principal soon which presents a way of cutting down on the noise in the cafeteria. The object we are trying to present is called the Yacker Tracker and it is a "stoplight" that lights up when the noise in the room gets too loud. The rest of our PA time is going to be dedicated to getting it installed.

Our public achievement group is the Super Awesome Animal Patrol group. Our group is centered around the issue of Animals Hurt by Pollution, and the project we have come up with to fight this problem, is to join in a Mississippi River Clean up day in the springtime. We are also sending out a brochure to promote this, and have made posters which we put up around the school.