

# School Recycling News



Central Virginia Waste Management Authority

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The school recycling program is well underway now, and it's a great time to step back and see how your students are benefiting from the program. One way to do this is to get your students to speak out about what they have learned. In a lesson plan borrowed from the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA), they recommend to lead a discussion with students about what they have learned so far about the benefits of recycling. What would

students say to someone about why it is important to recycle in schools? What are some of the important facts that they've learned? If everyone in class were to influence one other person, what more could be accomplished?

As a follow up activity, the AF&PA suggests to encourage students to write out their thoughts in a persuasive essay. On the back of this page, you will find a handout suitable for younger writers that will help them develop their thoughts. For older students, have them think of someone with whom they would like to share their message about recycling. Have them write a letter to a principal, teacher, community leader, or local newspaper. Encourage students to make their voice heard and express their point of view with others.

We're looking for pictures and stories of recycling in action at your school. Send us pictures, printed or by email, of your students as they participate in filling, weighing, or emptying the recycling bins! We'd also love to have stories of how recycling is having an impact on your school. Maybe have some of your students write a short paragraph on what they have learned about recycling, or why it's important to them. We would like to be able to use these pictures and stories in future newsletters and presentations about the school recycling program.



Please share the information found in this newsletter with other staff in your school. A copy of the newsletter can be found on our website by following the school recycling link from the home page.

## Program Statistics

Total Paper Collected to date:

21,663 Pounds



## REMINDER!

Your next monthly report is due **February 10th.**

This weight should include all paper recycled during the month of January. Please fax your completed form to (804) 359-8421. If you need a copy of the form, it can be found on our website by following the school recycling link on our homepage.

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