

December 18, 2009

Dear Families,

Recycling

As you know we continue to make efforts with recycling and we thank you for your support. Our 7th Grade had a most enjoyable trip to the Westchester Recycling Plant last week. After the New Year they will begin a more comprehensive program for monitoring recycling at school and will also create a few displays throughout the building to help convey the importance of the reason to ***reduce, reuse and recycle***. In the meantime we are collecting bottle caps, all colors and all sizes, please help us by sending these to school with your child.

Phone Recycling

As a result of our visit to the recycling plant we will begin to recycle phones. HopeLine is a program exclusive to Verizon Wireless that puts wireless services and equipment to work to assist victims of domestic violence.

The long- running HopeLine program collects **no-longer-used wireless phones and or accessories including; chargers, headsets, batteries, pagers, in any condition from any service provider.** The used phones are either refurbished or recycled. With the funds raised from the sale of the refurbished phones, Verizon Wireless donates wireless phones and airtime to victims and provides funding and other contributions to non-profit domestic violence shelters and prevention program across the country.

Verizon Wireless also concentrates on protecting the environment by collecting spent rechargeable batteries for recycling.

Verizon Wireless encourages everyone who plans to give a phone to HopeLine to erase any personal data on the phone before donating it, As a part of the refurbishing process, their refurbishing vendor does scrub the phone of all personal data prior to distributing it for reuse. We have placed a recycling bin outside the main office to collect these items. Simply place unwanted wireless, phones and accessories in a plastic bag and drop it in the collection box.

I am sure a new phone appears on many Christmas Wish lists. What a perfect time for us to begin this program! If you receive a new phone from Santa, won't you consider donating your old one for such a worthy cause? Thanks for your donations.

Sincerely,

Maureen J. Harten
Principal