

Project Title: * Recycling Plastic in the Classroom

To be eligible for the grant, projects should be specifically tied to one or more of the following topics (Choose all that apply) *

Amount Requested: * \$475

Teacher / Leader's Name: * Megan Wakelam

School or Organization Name & Complete Address: * Ghent School
200 Shirley Ave.
Norfolk, VA 23517

Subject / Grade / Age Range: * Science/K-5/5-12

Number of Children: * 500

Goals & Objectives: *

K.10 The student will investigate and understand that materials can be reused, recycled, and conserved. Key concepts include a) materials and objects can be used over and over again; b) everyday materials can be recycled; 1.8 The student will investigate and understand that natural resources are limited. Key concepts include c) recycling, reusing, and reducing consumption of natural resources. 3.10 The student will investigate and understand that natural events and human influences can affect the survival of species. Key concepts include c) conservation and resource renewal.

Our objective at Ghent School is to engage students in learning about environmental benefits of recycling through education and involvement. By involving our learning community, a recycling incentives program will help to educate primary children regarding plastic waste disposal and its positive effects on the community and environment. This project will motivate and give children, family members, and staff opportunities to help the environment by reducing waste and keeping many commonly disposed plastic objects out of landfills and the streets. Our aim is to educate and encourage future leaders to change trash disposal behavior. They can learn at a young age that recycling plastics can be easy and rewarding. We want to reward individual students, classes, and grade levels who recycle the most each month. They will receive a prize for bringing in and collecting the

most plastic bag waste.

Project This project is an ongoing effort to increase recycling within the school and it would be from October 3, 2016-June 9, 2017. The summary would be submitted by June 16, 2017.
Timeline: *

Project Recycling Containers: lid and container for recycling cost \$55
Budget: * -we will need 4 containers and lids \$220

Incentives/Rewards: \$255

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All information in this application is correct. I have reviewed the proposal with my school principal or organizational leader. As a condition of accepting the mini-grant money, I understand that I will be required to complete and submit the project summary form and pictures from the project upon completion of this project. I will submit my summary report within 14 days of completion. *

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Recycling Plastic in the Classroom

1. Is this a new recycling program or is your school already recycling?

We have a relatively good recycling program in place. We want bins that are larger than the small blue recycling cans in the classrooms. They will be placed in public areas and be more pleasing to eye than a large recycling bin that sits outside and rolls to the curb. The new bins would help educate students with very clear distinction where all recyclables belong.

2. If you are currently recycling:

a. Do you have a commercial sized recycling container outside with your trash dumpster that is picked up by a contracted company? If not, who picks up the recycling?

Yes, we have a commercial sized container and 6 large city bins which are all completely full each week. They are specifically for 1 and 2 plastics, but not for plastic bags as well.

b. Why is your school in need of additional bins/containers? How will they enhance your school/classroom recycling program?

We educate, educate, and educate where items belong and still have to pick out items placed in the wrong bins. We believe by having bins that are easily marked with appropriate recycling lids as well as a manageable size, it will make it convenient for everyone. In turn we will be more successful at recycling different plastics besides just 1's and 2's.

3. Is there a dedicated staff liaison for the program who will lead or currently leads the school recycling program?

Leading our program are very dedicated staff: Megan Wakelam and Donna Haines.

4. Do you have buy-in from the administration and custodial director/staff? Does your school have a policy on recycling?

When the recycling containers are filled correctly our custodial staff will cooperate with us. We have educated them and as long as we make it easy for them it works. Administration is supportive, but not involved.

5. Describe how the students will participate in the program. What will their responsibilities be in running/helping the program? Will they perform any sort of trash or recycling audit?

Students will participate in the program by leadership positions that require grade level captains to appoint students to collect and weigh materials. They will also police classrooms that are not up to par in their collections and reward others that are doing a great job. The audit will be by plastic volume for each grade level.

6. You have requested \$255 for Incentives/Rewards. Please explain:

a. How will incentives/awards will be won by the classrooms (i.e. will it be the volume of materials collected, # of students who participate, etc.)

Rewards will be won by grade level for each month based on the amount of plastics collected. For their rewards and incentives, the winning grade will receive equipment/games to use at recess for a month. This also includes items for indoor recess. At the end of each month, a new grade level will get a chance to win the recess rewards if they collected the most plastics for the previous month.

b. What actual prizes/supplies/events will be funded with this funding?

Actual prizes include but may be subject availability or prices:

Light Up Air Power Soccer Disk	13.49
Inflatable Teammate	39.99
Kan Jam Game Set	39.80
Ogosport Disk Game	23.23
Chalk	5.99
Hot Potato	11.30
Diggin Wobble Desk	36.02
Simon Says	15.00
Board Games:	30.00
Basketballs	15.00

Bounce, Pass, Fly Set	5.99
Star Ball	9.99
<u>Soccer Balls</u>	<u>9.99</u>
	255.00