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HELLO JERSEY JUNIORS!!

Happy New Year Juniors!

I look forward to reading your reports! Now's the time to plan your Conservation efforts for the new club year. Please share your ideas...I can feature them in my next bulletin & you can become stronger Conservation Clubs throughout the State. Your efforts are amazing—even better when they are shared!!

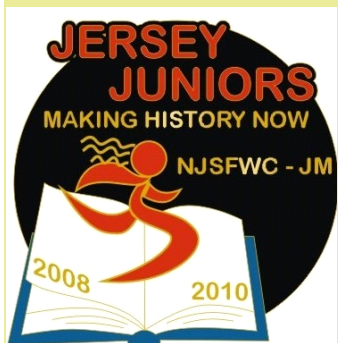
Thank you to Jacqui from Paskack who offered some Green tips for the winter. See information in this bulletin for some of the information!

*In Junior Spirit, **Tammy***

WHAT DOES YOUR CLUB DO?

- > LADYBUG RELEASE
- > BUTTERFLY RELEASE
- > REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE
- > TREE PLANTINGS
- > TRIPS TO THE ZOO
- > NATURE WALKS
- > FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Share your projects here...other Clubs can recycle your ideas in another part of the State !! So share & let Clubs learn from your successes!



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Spring Cleaning can begin in winter...snowed in? Try a new method. See the addendum to this bulletin entitled: "A test of eight green bathroom-cleaning products." Learn a lot about products that can be used in bathroom cleaning!

Our winters don't have to be lonely, or cold, bundle up & take a walk outside. Enjoy the snowfall when you can.

Have a plant exchange at a meeting—why not treat yourselves. Fun for everyone! Be sure to include plant care instructions!

Of course "recycling" continues...share your books, magazines, children's toys & clothes...conservation is EASY...just think outside the box! Swaps are GREAT conservation projects!

Start planning your Earth Day Clean ups....April is around the corner....Speak with your local town groups & establish a day and start recruiting some teams you can scour around town. More information in the next issue!

**Thanks to Jacqui Riordan from Paskack for this information:
National Green Week 2010: February 1st - 5th**



Start a compost program, like this award winning school did!

Green Education Foundation (GEF) is mobilizing two million children to participate in environmental educational programs during National Green Week 2010 (Feb. 1-5, 2010). The objective is to empower children to become environmental stewards in an effort to preserve the planet's valuable natural resources and to promote physical and emotional health and well-being.

Following are some of the GEF hands-on eco-challenge programs that schools can participate in during National Green Week 2010:

* **Waste-Free Snacks & Lunches** - Students nationwide will participate in the largest school based waste-reduction program in history by simply pledging to carry their drinks, snacks and home packed lunches in reusable containers for the week. Students will weigh snack trash both before and during National Green Week 2010 to determine their trash savings. The combined totals will be tallied and posted on the GEF website on Earth Day 2010 (April 22).

* **Green Energy Challenge** - Students will audit their classrooms, schools and homes to find energy leaks and correct them in an effort to reduce energy consumption at school and at home.

* **Lights-out Classrooms** - Teachers are encouraged to turn off the lights, when sunlight is a viable option to teach by for at least one day during National Green Week 2010.

* **Walk/Bike/Carpool Week** - Students and their families will make a concerted effort to walk, bike and/or carpool for at least one day if not the entire week during National Green Week 2010.

* **Idle Free Week** - Principals will encourage all parents (who have to drive) and bus drivers to turn off their ignitions when wait time is longer than 20 seconds for at least one day if not the entire week during National Green Week 2010.



Make green art!

National Green Week 2010 will mobilize more than one million students at 2,000 schools and youth organizations from across the nation to participate in its environmental educational programs. This annual event is a replication of the award winning Fisher Elementary Green School Experiment, conducted in a small, suburban school in Walpole, Massachusetts in June 2008. The Fisher Experiment resulted in the students achieving a 70%+ waste reduction in classroom trash, new town-wide recycling programs, as well as behavioral changes for students and their families, faculty and school personnel.

View the inspiring documentary of this program: www.nationalgreenweek.com



Plant a Garden!

Bottle Cap Recycling Continues! This is very exciting-another giant step in recycling

Did you know? The majority of plastic bottle caps do not get recycled. Often, these plastic caps end up as litter in landfill and on streets and beaches, migrating into waterways. Birds and marine life mistake them for food with tragic results. The magnitude of this pollution problem is devastating.

Bottles we currently recycle become trash anyhow if they still have a cap. During recycling, caps are sorted from the bottles and discarded as garbage. If a cap does not come off a bottle during compression, the bottle is discarded.

What can we do? Collect caps from water bottles, shampoo containers, detergent, etc. Aveda will recycle them into new caps for their products. Just visit a local Aveda Salon in your area for drop off. Please let me know how many you recycle....we'll get a contest going from Fall Conference to Spring Conference!

This is the first company, we have learned, that is taking this active step to recycle plastic caps.

You can collect them through your town, school, church, garden club, library or business. Talk to your municipal recycling coordinator and get a collection barrel at your recycling center.

Visit <http://www.ecosceneinc.com/blog/index.cfm/2008/10/13/Introducing-Ecoscene-TV> to see how you can recycle those bottle caps. Very informative and/or you can call Aveda for more info: 1-877-AVEDA-09 Though a cap is small, your collection can make a huge difference.

WORKING TOGETHER, imagine what the Jersey Juniors will do!

KIND News Subscriptions

As you plan your disbursements – Budget for KIND News for the next school year. This is a colorful, four-page classroom newspaper featuring puzzles, projects, fascinating articles, and celebrity interviews. A **\$30 classroom subscription** includes 28 copies of *KIND News*, enough for every student in the class, plus a teacher's guide each month of the school year, September through May. (*If you need more than 28 copies, you must purchase an additional subscription.*)

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SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO:

- Remove your name from Mailing Lists—How many items of mail do you throw out each day? visit www.directmail.com/directory/mail_preference/
 - Reusable Grocery Bags
 - Turn off Lights & Pull out Power Plugs or Power Strips OFF
 - Stop buying Bottled Water! – 1 person that drinks 2 bottles per day spends up to \$1,095 a year on Bottled Water!
- The sky is the limit...just think outside of the Box!!

State-wide Recycling Fundraiser (benefits FAFS)

Recycling :

- Unused Cell Phones
- Empty Ink Jet Printer Cartridges
- Other Electronics (Laptop Computers, Apple iPods, Digital Cameras, Digital Video Cameras)

Hold a collection in your Club & Community. Simply collect these items & give to your District Advisor. We will send them in together on the State Level. Include your Club info on the bag or box & a contact Name & email address in case we have questions.

Thanks to PJWC Member Jacqui Riordan for sharing the Blog she designed. Check it out...some GREAT info:
www.gogreenlight.com.

FROM RUTHERFORD JUNIORS:

Cartridge Worlds all over have some GREAT recycling programs! You can receive 50 cents—\$1 per cartridge turned in. While you are there, you can purchase a remanufactured cartridge. Visit their website for more information !!

www.cartridgeworldusa.com

Are you supporting your Local County Zoos?

North: Bergen County Zoo

Central: Turtleback Zoo

South: Cape May County Zoo

- Did you know you can join as a member or sponsor an Animal?
- Plan a day trip today...enjoy a nice walk at the Zoo!

? Question

Where do all those plastic baggies, plastic water bottles, juice boxes, milk cartons, paper napkins, aluminum foil and food wrappers go?

! Answer

IN THE TRASH. The average child generates 67 pounds of lunchtime trash per year.

IN LANDFILLS. 38 billion plastic water bottles end up in landfills each year-taking 700 years before they start to decompose.

IN OUR OCEANS. Trash is often mistaken for food and eaten by sea life.

Still looking for some new ideas??

NJ Clean Communities has tools for you to plan a successful town clean up & you could receive mini grants to help offset expenses you may incur or raise funds to increase Green initiatives in the town you live in! Litter prevention is ongoing—not just one day a year! Contact your County offices today to find out about your Clean Communities Programs—there may be Grant Money available. (Beautification)

Adopt a Park or Street & clean it quarterly!!

*Assess your Town & School Recycling Programs in the buildings & grounds!
Add Bottle Cap collections Town wide!*

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