

BCS Thinking Green Choice Hour Events for 2010/2011

This year the students in the Thinking Green Choice hour investigated and initiated several new recycling events.

Re-Use a Shoe

A small group of students organized a school wide collection of athletic shoes to be recycled through the NIKE re-use a shoe campaign. They reached their maximum of 200 shoes in record time and these shoes will now be recycled into new materials like basketball courts in Michigan instead of entering a landfill.

Bottle Cap Mural

A school wide collection of plastic caps and bottle caps was started by the choice hour. These plastic bottle caps will be made into a school mural to demonstrate the importance of using reusable water bottles, to show how "trash" can be turned into something worthwhile and to redirect these materials from entering a landfill.

Natural Habitat

Plans have continued to introduce a natural habitat to BCS. We are hoping to include a small vegetable garden and bird feeding/watching spot to entice students outside.

Rouge Education Project

We continue our affiliation with the Rouge Education Project and are thrilled to announce that one of our 6th grade students came second in the design a T shirt competition this year.

Energy Works Film Festival

A group of 5-6th grade BCS students took part in the Energy Works film competition this year and won second place with their 2 minute movie entitled "How to Change the World in 5 Minutes a Day" which provided easy to do tips for reducing Global warming.

E-Waste Recycling and Hard Drive Shredding Event

This very exciting event will be hosted in conjunction with local company Michigan Hard Drive Shredding and the Co-operation of GreeningDetroit.com. This will be a community one stop recycling event for all electronic waste and will hopefully prevent a lot of toxic materials entering local landfills.

CyberFair

54 students in fifth and sixth grade participated in CyberFair, a global research program that encourages students to research their community, identify local problems, suggest solutions and take action. They then also share their ideas with global participants and reflect on each others work. This helps students to connect across the globe and identify with students who are also trying to make a difference.

Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge

This year we have several entries for the Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge. These include Energy reeducation at school, reducing the use of plastic bags in local grocery stores, water conservation and one group is trying to expand the Michigan No Smoking ban to include public beaches as cigarette butts pose an ominous threat to aquatic habitats.