

# RECYCLE MORE

at School



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### You're Doing the Work

### – Now Get the Recognition!

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You and your students recycle your soda cans, school papers, plastic bottles, and newspapers. Maybe you have a class worm bin, or a school garden with compost.

If you are recycling, your school could win up to \$1,000 in RecycleMore's annual School Recycling Contest. WCCIWMA will award money to the West County schools that are doing the best job recycling and keeping waste out of the landfill.

Entering the contest is simple:

- **Contact** your principal, your school's Recycling Coordinator, or WCCIWMA staff for an **application**.
- **Tell us** on the application how your school reduces waste. How is the program set up? Who are the major players? How much are you recycling?
- **Submit** the completed application to WCCIWMA by Friday, March 30, 2007.

Winners can claim their prizes on April 21st at the West County Earth Day Festival.

Last year, ten West County schools won a total of \$8,400,

and used this money to improve their recycling programs, to treat themselves to a movie, and to buy supplies for their school Recycling Team. On page 2 you can read about one winning school from last year.

If your school is not recycling, call us at 215-3021 and we will help you start!



Steve Devine, RecycleMore's Executive Director, awards \$950 to Juan Crespim Junior High School at the 2006 Earth Day Festival for their excellent recycling program.

## WHAT GOES IN THE BLUE BIN?

- **Mixed paper**
- **Cardboard**
- **Glass bottles and jars**
- **Plastic bottles**
- **Steel/tin cans**
- **Aluminum cans and foil (ball it up!)**



## POSTER CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

# \$100 REWARD

TO THE ARTIST OF THE WINNING POSTER  
IN EACH GRADE GROUP: **K-2, 3-5, 6-8 & 9-12**  
IN **RECYCLEMORE'S POSTER CONTEST.**

EACH WINNER'S SCHOOL WILL ALSO RECEIVE \$100.

**DEADLINE MARCH 2, 2007!**

See [www.recyclemore.com](http://www.recyclemore.com) or call 215-3021 for details.

# DID YOU KNOW...

... that after 50 years of operation, the West County Landfill in Richmond closed this past September? No more garbage is being buried there. Garbage collected in West County is transferred to the Potrero Hills Landfill near Fairfield. Every day, 15 large trucks, carrying over 1 million pounds of trash, make the trip between the West County transfer station and the Potrero Hills Landfill!

## Spotlight on Crespi Junior High

The Leadership and ASD classes in El Sobrante's Juan Crespi Junior High School combined their efforts to develop an award-winning recycling program. Last Spring, the Crespi recycling team overcame many challenges to implement a recycling program that has proven very successful. The team submitted their School Recycling Contest application along with a colorful poster highlighting their efforts, which earned their program a cash prize of \$950!

Crespi's Recycling Team is comprised of 35 Leadership and 9 ASD students. Eighth grader Harry Bhandal, Student Recycling Coordinator, heads the 44-member team. The Recycling Team manages the school's entire recycling program – the students empty classroom blue bins into the blue carts, and wheel the carts to the curb for weekly collection.

Crespi put their \$950 prize to good use. The Leadership students were able to participate in an Oakland Zoo Educational Program, where they learned how to work with and care for animals. They also attended the California State Leadership Conference held in Pleasanton this past November. Ms. Taylorang, the ASD teacher, used some of the prize money to purchase supplementary materials for classroom instruction.

Your school could be one of this year's winners! See page 1 for more details.



## Spring 2007 Workshops from the Watershed Project

Scholarships are available for all workshops.

### More Than Your Standard Garden, \$25

Monday, February 19, 10am – 12pm  
Richmond Field Station, Richmond

OR

Wednesday, June 27, 10am – 12pm  
Franklin Elementary, Oakland

### Kids in Gardens, \$30

Thursday, June 21, 9am – 4pm  
Oakland

### Groceries from the Garden, \$25

Tuesday, March 27, 4pm – 6:30pm  
Lupine Hills Elementary, Hercules

OR

Saturday, March 31, 2007, 10am – 12:30pm  
Richmond Field Station, Richmond

### Compost: Green Waste to Gardener's Gold, \$25

Tuesday, June 19, 2007, 10am – 12:30pm  
Albany

For more information or to register, visit [www.thewatershedproject.org](http://www.thewatershedproject.org).

## FIVE WAYS TO BE GREENER



- 1 Reduce, reuse, recycle, and rot - of course!
- 2 Turn off lights when you're not in the room, and turn off the water when you're brushing your teeth.
- 3 Combine your errands - you'll use less gas and pollute the air less!
- 4 Find natural alternatives to pesticides and other toxic household items.
- 5 Use rechargeable batteries.

## RECYCLEMORE OFFERS MINI GRANTS!

**Mini-grants** of up to **\$1,000** are available for West County Schools to set up waste reduction projects or school gardens with composting. Funding is considered on a first-come, first-serve basis, so do not wait to contact us!

Call 215-3126 for more information.



# WCCIWMA Spring 2007 Programs

WCCIWMA continues to offer a range of quality programs that are free and open to all schools in West Contra Costa County. Spots are limited, so call us soon.



*Helms Middle School students riding the train on their field trip to the Recycling Center.*

## Recycling and Landfill Field Trips

Tour the landfill and the recycling center on this ever-popular field trip.

**3rd - 12th Grade**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 - 12:00**

## Recycling Field Trips

This field trip is open to first and second grades, and is shorter and more hands-on than the recycling-landfill combined field trip.

**1st and 2nd Grade**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 - 11:00**

## Four Rs Presentations

Introduce your class to the 4 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot! Offered before a field trip, or on their own.

**K - 12th Grade; 1 hour**

## Paper-making Workshops

Each student creates an art project in this hands-on workshop, illustrating the "closing the loop" message. Available to paper-making novices only.

**Preschool - 6th Grade**

**Approximately 1 hour** (depending on grade level and # of students)

## Worm Composting Workshops

West County's own Worm Lady, Claudia Taurean, will show your class how to set up a class worm bin and teach your students about the process of vermicomposting.

**Preschool - 12th Grade; 1 hour**

## Assemblies

These high energy, educational, and entertaining assemblies are open to all West County Schools.

**K - 6th Grade; Approximately 45 minutes**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP, CALL 215 - 3021!**

## RECYCLING FIELD TRIPS APPLICATION \*

**Name of Teacher:**

**Contact Phone #:**

**Alternate Phone #:**

**Email Address:**

**School Name and Phone #:**

**Grade Level:**

**Number of Students:**

**Preferred Dates:**

**ESL Students? Yes No**

**Please Check:**

I will bring at least one teacher or parent **for every 10 students** attending the field trip.

### Send or fax completed applications:

Schools Program  
WCCIWMA  
One Alvarado Square  
San Pablo, CA 94806

**Phone:** 215 - 3021

**Fax:** 236 - 1636

\* WCCIWMA offers a limited number of field trips. Submitting an application does not guarantee that you will receive a field trip.



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**Please Reuse & Recycle  
This Newsletter:**

- Pass it on to a colleague
- Post it in your staff room
- When it is no longer of use to anyone....place it in a recycling bin!

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## Hello from Lana - RecycleMore's New Recycling Coordinator!



Now in my third month at RecycleMore, I have had the opportunity to work with some very enthusiastic students and teachers. I look forward to meeting and working with many more of you to help West County reduce waste and recycle more. Contact me at 215-3021 with any questions about recycling in schools, or to schedule one of our fun and educational workshops, presentations, or field trips!

## IMPORTANT RECYCLING PHONE NUMBERS

<b>Additional Carts or Extra Pick Ups*</b> Richmond Sanitary Service	<b>231-1621</b>
*Private Schools in El Cerrito - Call East Bay Sanitary Company: 237-4321	
<b>General Information</b> WCCIWMA (RecycleMore)	<b>215-3125</b>
<b>Waste Audits, Workshops, Grant Information and Classroom Bins</b> Claudia Taurean	<b>215-3126</b>
<b>Field Trips, Paper-making Kits/Workshops, and Compost Hotline</b> Lana Skrtic	<b>215-3021</b>

(For day-to-day recycling/waste reduction operations, contact your school's Recycling Coordinator.)

**If you would like to receive this newsletter via email,  
please email [lanas@recyclemore.com](mailto:lanas@recyclemore.com).**



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