

Dear Carmel-Clay Schools Principals,

On behalf of the Green Schools Committee, thank you for taking the time to consider the attached optional activities for celebrating America Recycles Day at your school.

Monday, November 15th is America Recycles Day – a day when millions of Americans join to celebrate and make the commitment to keep recycling. Communities across the country, including our own here in Indiana, plan events to encourage residents to reduce, reuse, recycle, and buy recycled. See AmericaRecyclesDay.org for details.

America Recycles Day will be acknowledged by the City of Carmel through a citywide large and small appliance recycling drive sponsored by Carmel Utilities. Appliances can be picked up directly from Carmel homes and recycled at no cost. Residents are asked to pre-arrange a pick-up time by contacting scheduling@daorecycling.org or 317-375-7788 before November 13. We urge the schools to join the community during the week of November 15-19 to promote this aspect of environmental stewardship and responsibility in students.

We have compiled the following information for an optional program at Carmel Clay schools, to take place during non-academic periods, unless a teacher chooses to incorporate it into a lesson plan. See attachments for specific details.

Schools may choose any, all, or none of the following:

- 1) Place America Recycles Day banner in hallway or lunchroom
- 2) Decorate a bulletin board with information promoting recycling – posters also available for placement in hallways
- 3) Daily announcements with recycling facts to be read during morning announcements or SRT announcements
- 4) America Recycles Day program packet available to any teachers with free recycled pencils and other freebies
- 5) Recycling DVDs will be made available to be shown during lunchtime, during video announcements, or during non-academic times (**If you want a free DVD, please contact Margot Gibson (mgibson1@indy.rr.com) to place your order.**)
- 6) PTO or school newspapers will be offered information to publish regarding what types of free recycling is currently available in Carmel
- 7) Possible art projects or contests involving making art from trash
- 8) School library display promoting recycling-related books

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We wish you the best in your school's endeavors!

Sincerely,
The Green Schools Committee

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