

School Morning Recycling Announcements

Morning announcements are a great way to share information and educate everyone about your school's recycling program, highlight your recycling successes, and encourage proper recycling throughout the building.

Below are some sample announcements to get you started. Schools are encouraged to have students research and create their own announcements and highlight key aspects of their school's recycling program.

1. _____ School recycles! Today we will start to recycle new materials and improve our recycling program! We will try to recycle all that we can. Look for new posters above recycling bins showing what can be recycled. It is important we recycle correctly and only put items listed on the posters into recycling bins; other materials can contaminate the load of recyclables and cause it to be sent to the landfill as trash. Thank you for recycling!
2. Did you know, recycling paper to make new paper uses 60% less energy, 80% less water and creates 95% less air pollution than making paper from trees?

So, always put paper in its place: use **both** sides of a sheet of paper and recycle all used paper in your classroom recycling bin...and at home!

3. Here's a quick quiz: can empty milk bottles and caps be recycled? If you vote yes raise your right hand, if you vote no raise your left hand. Congratulations to everyone with their right hand raised, you are correct! Empty milk bottles and caps can be recycled! Remember that straws must go in the trash.
4. Question: what do candy wrappers, tissues, zip-lock bags, and chip bags have in common? Answer: they are not recyclable. Tissues, napkins, and paper towels—and any paper with food on it—cannot be placed in recycling containers. Help keep our recycling containers free of contaminants by placing your candy wrappers, zip-lock bags, and chip bags in the garbage.
5. Flip, tap, stack: this is how we dispose of our trays in the cafeteria. Once you have placed any empty recyclable containers into the recycling bin, hold the food tray over the trash container and flip it over then tap it on the side to empty all trash into the trash container, then stack the food tray on a table or desk.

Suggestions

- Select a trash or recyclable item from the lunchroom and make it the focus of the announcement. Tell participants if it can/cannot be recycled, the procedure for disposing of it (empty first, stack trays/cups, etc.), and an interesting fact or why proper disposal is important.
- Get creative! Let students create their own announcements, a short song or a video for television announcements.
- Create announcements that fit your school and your program.
- Highlight your recycling successes, and remind students and staff of proper recycling procedures.
- Schedule your morning announcements for several days before you make any changes or additions to your recycling program.
- Additional announcement ideas:
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