



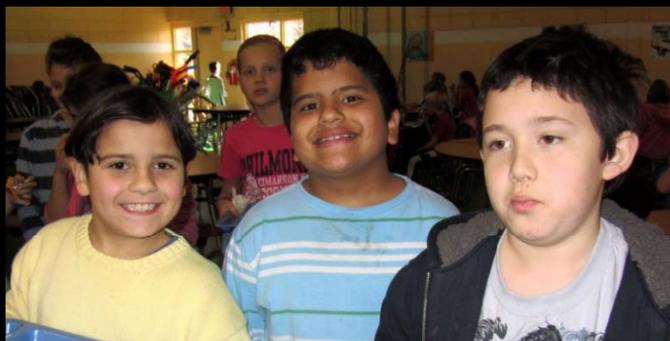


**Bridging The Gap**

**2011**

**Environmental Excellence  
Award for Schools  
"Honorable Mention"**



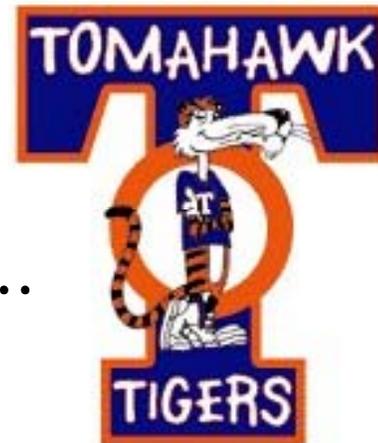


# The Beginning (2009-2010)



PTA Environmental Committee  
Paper Retriever

Our inspiration...



# Formation of the HiP Team

Educate and inspire the Brookwood community to be responsible stewards of the environment.



# Kick-Off Assembly



# The First Year (2010-2011)

15 Students

3 Active parent  
volunteers









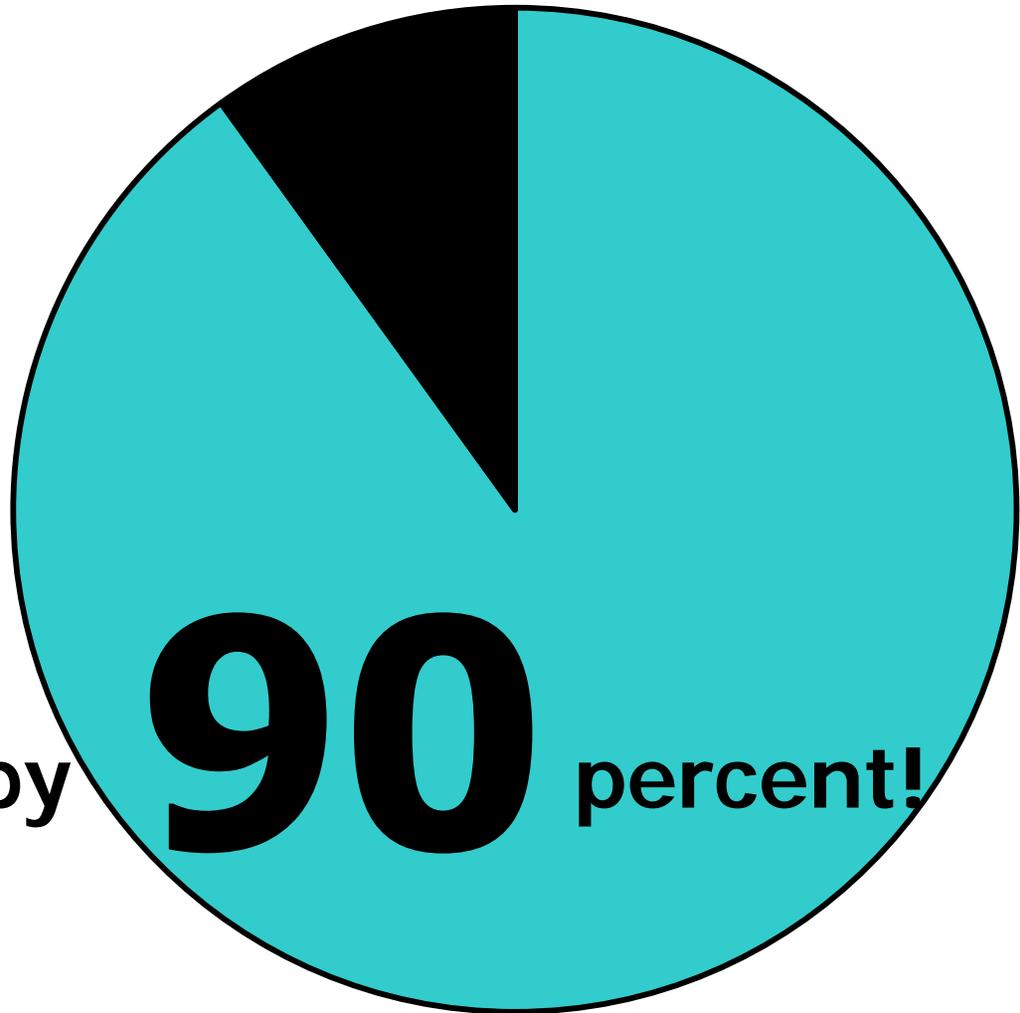
# The First Year Impact

From 8 to **1** bag of trash in cafeteria

Recycled **25** tons of paper

Recycled **30** pounds of crayons

Reduced waste by **90** percent!

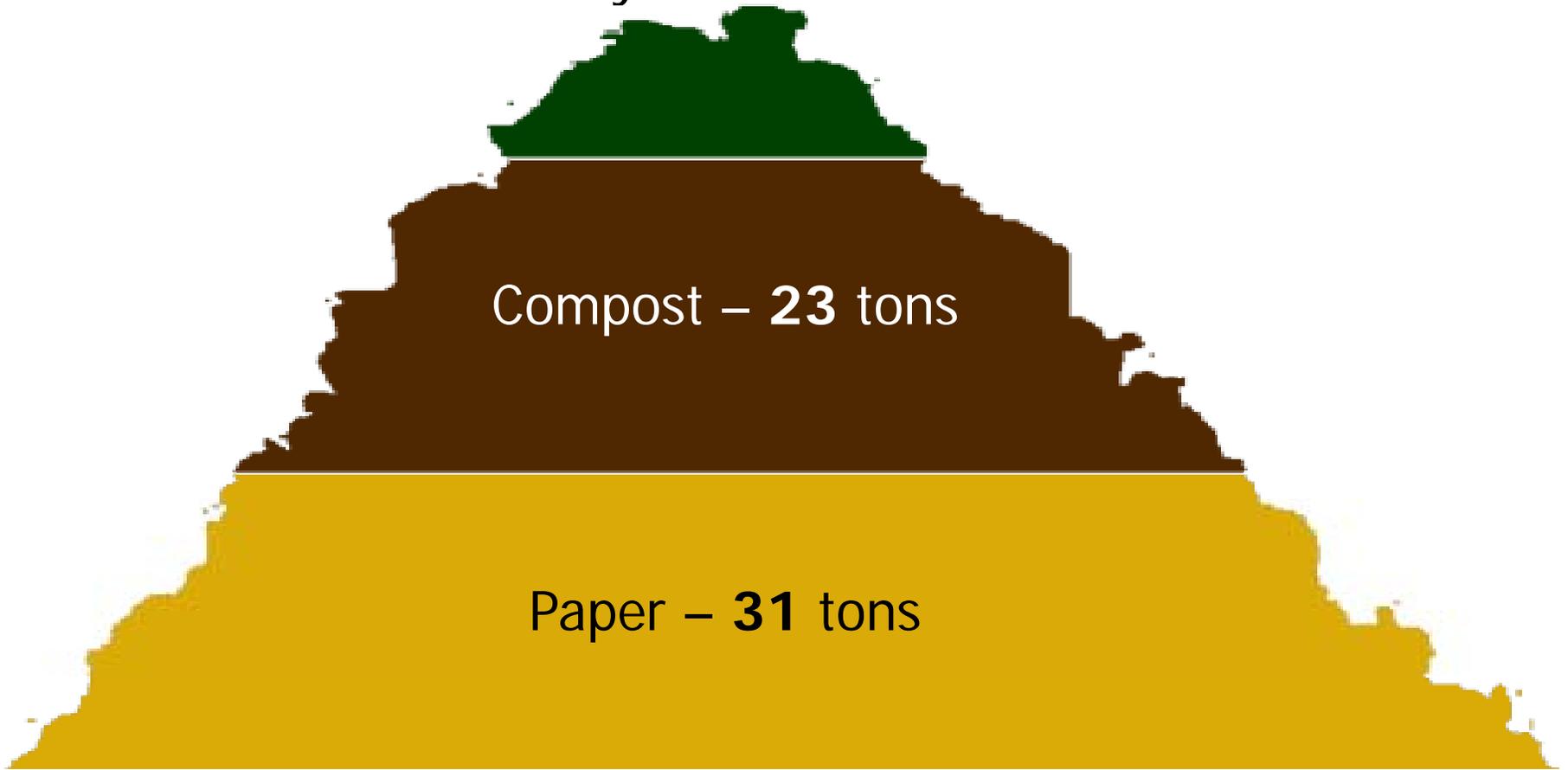


# Total Landfill Waste Diversion - **61** tons

Recycle – **7** tons

Compost – **23** tons

Paper – **31** tons



# Momentum Builds (2011-2012)

50 Students

20+ Active parent  
volunteers





# Brookwood HiP Team 2011-2012









**REUSABLE BAGS + WHOLE FOODS MARKET = \$\$**

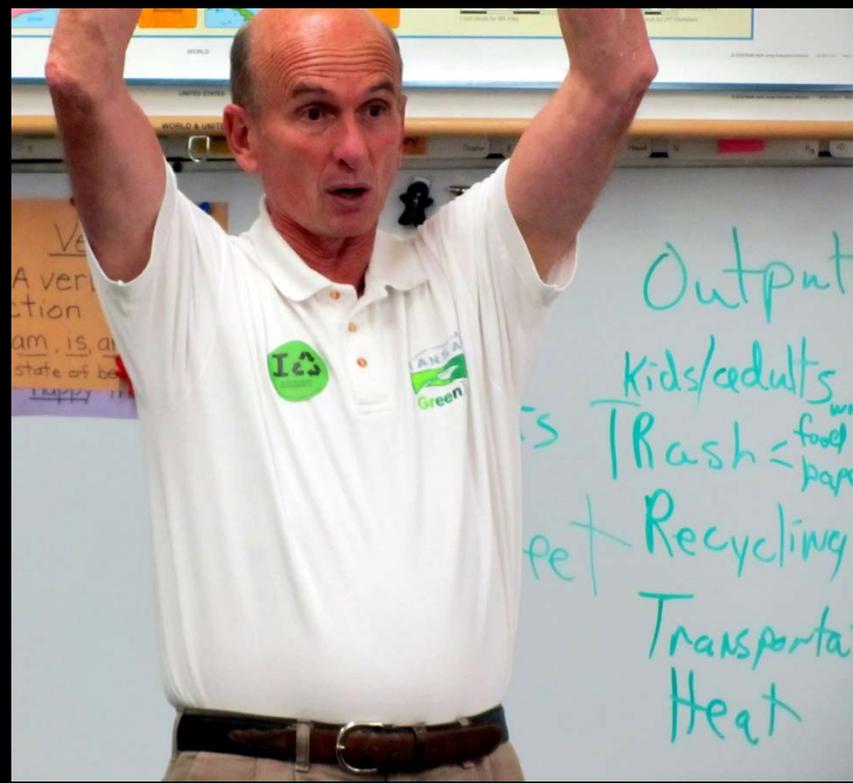
**Shop at the  
Whole Foods Market on Metcalf  
and donate your  
10 cent-per-bag refund  
to Brookwood Elementary!**

Our school will get donations from now until January.

***Spread the word!***



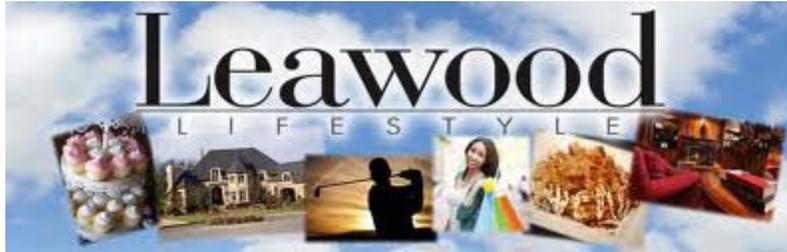












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**Brookwood HiP Team**  
{Giggling} We have raised over \$1,500 for environmentally themed library books due to the Whole Foods Bag Donation Program. Our quarter is not up -- please help support and promote the program! Every 10 cent bag refund adds up. Please contact Jill Crotzinger if you have any questions. Thank you!  
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Lisa Kolas Cooper likes this.  
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**Brookwood HiP Team**  
The HiP Team is still collecting 2 liter bottles for our January meeting. Please turn bottles and lids in to Mrs. Beachy. Thanks!  
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**Brookwood HiP Team**  
Check it out! Kansas City WildLands and Johnson County Park and Recreation District are offering the public an opportunity to remove invasive red cedars and take them home to decorate for the holidays!  
**Kansas City WildLands!**  
[www.kcwildlands.org](http://www.kcwildlands.org)  
  
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Danielle Abernethy Merrick likes this.  
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**Brookwood HiP Team via Oh, Ranger!**  
Looking for ways to make your T-Day a little more green? Look no further...  
**Green Your Thanksgiving**  
[action.sierraclub.org](http://action.sierraclub.org)  
Thanksgiving is Thursday! Enjoy our tips below about how to stay green during your mad rush to prepare.  
  
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Oh, Ranger! likes this.  
Oh, Ranger! Thanks for sharing and have a Happy Thanksgiving! :)  
November 22 at 3:48pm · Like  
Brookwood HiP Team You have a great holiday, too! We always love sharing your posts. Thank you.  
November 22 at 3:50pm · Like

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Mission: To educate and inspire the Brookwood community to be responsible s...  
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# Looking Ahead...



# The Brookwood HiP Team: From the Students' Perspective

By:

Katie Cooper & Caroline McCaffree

4<sup>th</sup> graders, Brookwood Elementary

# What we are about

We are a group of students grades 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> led by Mrs. Beachy (who is a full supporter of recycling), that volunteer to help the Earth. Activities that we do include planting tulip beds around the school, making dog toys from reusable materials, and participating in the Leawood Trail Cleanup.



## Believe it or not.....

- Leftover and rotten food can be turned into dirt just by composting!
- Just at lunch, we have reduced the amount of trash by 8 bags a day just by composting!
- At the book fair dinner, we served over 300 people and only had one trash bag full!



## What we've learned

The Earth has a chance, only with help.

We can make a difference in our daily lives and reduce our carbon footprint.



# ***HIP HERALD***



*WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF THE HIP HERALD, A PUBLICATION OF BROOKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S HIP TEAM ("I CAN MAKE A HEALTHY PLANET"). WE ARE A GROUP OF STUDENTS BETWEEN 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE. OUR MEETINGS ARE ONCE A MONTH FROM 3:20-4:15. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN, CONTACT MRS. BEACHY FOR MORE INFORMATION.*

*THE MISSION OF THE HIP TEAM IS TO EDUCATE AND INSPIRE THE BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY TO BE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT.*

## **WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP:**

- ❖ IF YOU USE REUSABLE BAGS AT THE WHOLE FOODS AT 91<sup>ST</sup> AND METCALF YOU CAN DONATE YOUR REFUND TO PURCHASE ENVIRONMENTALLY THEMED BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY!
- ❖ LAST YEAR ALONE, BROOKWOOD REDUCED THE AMOUNT OF LUNCH TRASH FROM NINE BAGS OF TRASH TO ONE BAG OF TRASH, BY UTILIZING COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP THE CHILDREN SORT THEIR TRASH RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING OVER THE LUNCH HOUR. PLEASE CONTACT JILL GROTZINGER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP.
- ❖ GOT OLD NEWSPAPER? WE WANT IT! DRIVE UP TO BROOKWOOD AND BEHIND THE SCHOOL THERE IS A PAPER RETRIEVER BIN TO DUMP NEWSPAPERS INSTEAD OF HAVING THEM CLUTTER YOUR HOME. LAST YEAR WE RECYCLED OVER 24 TONS AND SAVED OVER 408 TREES! KEEP IT UP!
- ❖ DO YOU HAVE BROKEN, UNWANTED CRAYONS? THERE IS A BOX OUTSIDE THE PRIMARY HALLWAY COLLECTING THEM.
- ❖ MRS. BEACHY WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO DONATE POP TABS (COKE, SUNKIST, ETC.) TO ROOM 112. THE TABS PROGRAM HELPS THE RONALD McDONALD HOUSE.
- ❖ IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE UPDATES, CHECK THE BROOKWOOD HIP TEAM'S FACEBOOK PAGE AND THE BROOKWOOD NEWSLETTER.

*SPECIAL THANKS TO THE HIP TEAM'S PRESIDENT, MRS. BEACHY AND THE NEWSLETTER'S EDITOR, KATIE COOPER.*



# THANK YOU!

