BROOKWOOD ELEMENTARY

The HIP Team Success Story

Leawood Home Owner’s Association Meeting

02.02.2012
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

Way to go Brookwood for going GREEN!
Donate Your Empty Inkjet & Laser Printer Cartridges and Used Cell Phones Here!

More than 125 million cell phones and 500 million printer cartridges are discarded each year. Recycle them so they can be used again!
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
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!
Looking Ahead...
The Brookwood HiP Team: From the Students’ Perspective

By:
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What we are about

We are a group of students grades 2\textsuperscript{nd} to 6\textsuperscript{th} 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.
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 2nd and 6th 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 91st 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!