



Franklin Sherman Green Committee Update

“Working to make FSES a Greener School”

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Help us by donating your used cell phones, and Empty and Laser Ink Cartridges

Did you know that every second of every day nine ink cartridges are thrown away? Help us turn this waste into CASH! Please donate your cell phones, cartridges, iPods and laptops by placing them in the collection bins.

Not only is this an easy way to raise funds, it also teaches our students valuable lessons about the variety of materials that can be recycled and it helps them develop life-long patterns. Drop them off in the box in the front lobby. Make sure to use a plastic bag since the cartridges are messy. We are also collecting iPods and Blackberries!

- We are looking for parents that can help to delivery laser ink cartridges to Staples on a monthly basis. A great volunteer opportunity that you can do on your own time! Please contact tgulian@yahoo.com if interested.

Green Tip

Reject junk mail: Those catalogs, pre-approved credit card letters, and sales announcements that arrive in your mailbox create four million tons of waste each year. Just a day’s worth of our collective junk mail could heat 250,000 homes. Take your name off junk mail lists at mailstopper.tonic.com

Help to eliminate plastic bags in our environment and FSES

Over 500 billion plastic bags are consumed throughout the world each year. An estimated 8 billion pounds of plastic bags, wraps and sacks enter the waste stream every year in the U.S. alone.

- The production of plastic bags requires petroleum.
- Approximately 12 million barrels of oil is required to support the annual consumption of plastic bags in the U.S.
- When tossed, plastic bags contaminate soil and waterways, and are among the most common debris found in coastal cleanups.
- Animals and sea creatures are hurt and killed every day by discarded plastic bags because they mistake plastic bags for food. Plastic clogs their intestines and leads to slow starvation. Others become entangled in plastic bags and drown. Because plastic bags take hundreds of years to break down, every year our land and seas become 'home' to more and more bags that find their way there through our sewers and waterways.
- Every bag that’s washed down a drain, that’s flushed down a toilet, or that’s blown into a river will end up in the sea.
- The Numbers
 - Up to 1000 - Estimated years for a plastic bag to decompose
 - 1460 - Plastic bags used in a year by an average family of four in the U.S.
 - 12 million - Barrels of oil used to make the plastic bags that the U.S. consumes annually
 - Less than 1% - Percentage of all plastic bags that get recycled in the U.S.
 - 88.5 billion – Plastic bags consumed in the U.S. last year
 - 500 billion – Estimated plastic bags sold worldwide each year

This upcoming holiday season, please consider Bring Your Own Bag (BYOB). Support Franklin Sherman and help to eliminate plastic bags!

Purchase a Reusable Grocery Shopping Tote. These sturdy bags will hold more than a traditional plastic or paper bag and can be used again and again. They are labeled with our very own FSE Panda mascot.

Return the form below or email to tgulian@yahoo.com, attached with a check made out to FSES PTA. Bags will be sent home with your child through Wed. folder.

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Email: _____

Indicate the number of packs or individual bags you would like:

_____ Packs of 6, \$12.00 per pack OR _____ \$2.50 each