



Franklin Sherman Green Committee Update **“Working to make FSES a Greener School”** **March 2010**

Help us by donating your used cell phones, and Empty 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 in the front lobby. *To date, we have raised more than \$330 for our school!*

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.

- ❖ We are looking for parents who can help deliver 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 Tips – In the Kitchen

Composting: Keep your kitchen scraps from fruits, vegetables, and coffee grounds in a composting bin or container. Try adding them to your garden or starting a compost site in the yard. You'll grow a better garden, create deeper topsoil, recycle nutrients, and save landfill space. If, over the course of a year, everyone in the United States composted their kitchen scraps instead of sending them away with the trash, the organic waste diverted from landfills could make a three-foot-high compost pile to cover the city of San Francisco.

Dishwasher: Run full loads of your dishwasher and save energy, and don't pre-rinse your dishes before putting them in. Do both and you'll save up to 20 gallons of water per dish load, or 7,300 gallons over a year. That's as much water as the average person drinks in a lifetime. (If you must hand wash, turn off the tap while you scrub.)

Food Waste: When cooking or baking, try to avoid wasting food by using perishable ingredients before they spoil, measuring carefully, and saving leftovers for future meals instead of throwing them away. If you could reduce the amount of food wasted in your household by just 25 grams per day, you'd save 20 lbs. of food annually--- roughly to make 16 meals. If all U.S. households reduced their food waste by this amount, the savings would be enough to provide 3 meals per day for a whole year to each of the 1.35 million children in the United States who are homeless.

Source: The Green Book, Elizabeth Rogers and Thomas M. Kostigen