

2008 Earth Drive for Earth Day Contest My Green Story

I am president of the student council. With my power, I have been making my school much more Eco friendly. This year, in honor of Earth Day, I am planning a school-wide outing, where we would go out on our playgrounds and pick up trash. We might even plant some flowers and maybe a few trees.

Recently, I talked to a class of kindergarteners about global warming and recycling. After I finished talking to them about it, they were all fired up to try and make a difference and change their habits to more Earth friendly ones. Today, when I see those kindergarteners they throw their bottles in the blue bin instead of the regular garbage can. Also now, when I talked to one of those kindergarteners, they tell say that they told all their friends and family about global warming and recycling and now they are all making a difference.

When I went to the Kindergarten Teddy Bear picnic with my brother, I saw Arne Duncan. (CEO of Chicago Public Schools). So, I went over to where he was sitting and started networking. I told him about how I noticed that we use a lot of paper and none of it seems to be recycled, I also asked if a lot of others schools recycled. He gave me the contact information of Suzanne Carlson (Environmental Program Manager, Office of the CEO, Chicago Public Schools). She told me that we already have a recycling program. I was shocked. I informed student council of the fact that we do have a recycling program but not many members of the student body know about it. So, I am now working on holding a school-wide assembly that will talk about global warming and the importance of recycling. I will also inform the student body that we do have a recycling program.

This week I am going to talk to Mrs. Levine (recycling coordinator) about what the student council can do to help make the student body aware of global warming and recycling. I will also contact Suzanne Carlson to find out more about how Chicago Public Schools are going **Green** so that I can find out some initiatives that my school can use or I can pass on some ideas to schools that do not have a green program.

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