



## **GRAFFLIN GOES GREEN**

### **New and Upcoming Events Sponsored by Grafflin's Environmental Committee**

The Grafflin lobby has just gotten a new addition- The GRAFFLIN GREEN STATION. The GRAFFLIN GREEN STATION is now the go-to place for Grafflin recycling drives, plus you'll find loads of useful information on upcoming events and helpful tips on ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. Please stop by and check it out!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Waste Free Lunch Days October 27 – 29**

Help your kids learn that they have the power to add less garbage to our landfills- simply by sending them to school with a waste-free lunch. That means- reusable drink, snack and sandwich containers in, of course, a reusable lunchbox! Try sending in reusable forks, spoons and cloth napkins too.

Our cafeteria is already doing it's part by eliminating Styrofoam trays and using bottles made with less plastic. And Alfredo has worked hard to organize our recycling program to raise our kids' awareness of where the plastic goes.

Mrs. Alspach will be working with our kids in the lunchroom to chart out the reduction in garbage over the course of our Waste Free Lunch Days. This is a great way for them to see how they can really make a difference!

Some things to think about....

- A disposable lunch generates between 4 and 8 ounces of garbage every day! That's 45 to 90 pounds of garbage PER YEAR!! And that's just from one child's lunch.
- By bringing in a waste free lunch, you'll be generating less pollution, and saving landfill space, natural resources and energy. It's a simple way to help the planet.

You've got nothing to lose and much to gain. Give a reusable lunch a try.

## **GRAFFLIN RECYCLES**

News on our Recycling Drives

During the course of the year, the Environmental Committee will be hosting a number of ongoing recycling drives for Eyeglasses, Printer Cartridges, Cell Phones, Rechargeable Batteries and Bottle Caps. All donations will be accepted at the Green Station.

Check out our Recycle link for more information on our drives.

## **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**

Tips for October

**Reduce:** Start the school year off right by cutting down on waste in your child's lunches and snacks. Buy snacks in bulk, and send them to school reusable containers. Eliminate wasteful (and potentially harmful) plastic water bottles by sending your kids to school with a reusable one, like the Sigg, Kleen Kanteen or BPA Free Nalgene water bottles. Reusable containers come in all different shapes and sizes for sandwiches, fruit, snacks and whatever else you pack for lunch. You can find great selections locally at the supermarket, Target and the Container Store.

**Reuse:** Cut down on paper waste by wrapping your kids' birthday presents in newspaper. If the birthday child is in to sports, use the sports section. The travel and arts section are always filled with fun, colorful pictures. Or perhaps they are more politically minded! Then have your kids decorate the paper to jazz it up. Your kids will be doing their part by making creative and fun packaging without creating more waste.

**Recycle:** Remember, boxes are recyclable. When you finish off a box of cereal, pasta or cookies don't throw it in the trash, add it to your pile of newspapers.

**For much more detailed information, check out the Grafflin Green Station bulletin board located in the Grafflin lobby.**