

REAPS READER



Have you helped the environment today?

To buy, or not to buy?

In September of 1992 the first Buy Nothing Day was celebrated in Mexico. The day was organized for society to look at over-consumption. Since then Buy Nothing Day has become an international date. It is celebrated on the Friday after the American Thanksgiving, one of the countries busiest shopping days, in North America and Israel. The rest of the world celebrates on the following day. To date over 65 nations have campaigns celebrating this day.

The main idea addressed in Buy Nothing Day is to make changes in our everyday lives to consume less and produce less waste. You can support these ideas by only buying what you need, making your own gifts out of recycled materials, buying items in less packaging and ensuring appropriate materials are either composted, or recycled when you are finished with them. By changing our habits we will help to elevate pressure on local landfills and help to create and more sustainable life.

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Toy Drive

On November 24 REAPS will be hosting its annual Toy Drive. At this time we will be collecting any quality used toys and giving them to local children organizations during the holidays. This provides an excellent time for you to clean out your home of any old toys. If you do not have any old toys but want to make a donation to local organizations, REAPS will also be accepting donations for the SPCA.

You can bring your donations to REAPS, 1950 Gorse St. (near Exploration Place) from 10am to 2pm. If you want to donate your time by volunteering, please contact REAPS at 250-561-7327 or emailing events@reaps.org. We hope to see you there!



Congratulations

We at REAPS would like to send out a huge cognations and thank you to all of the classes that took in last months activities.

Congratulations to all the classes for participating in the 2012 School Waste Reduction Challenge!!

The winner is Ecole College Heights Gr. 6/7 with 11.29 grams / student for the week

2nd place is Sacred Heart Kindergarten with 18.11 grams / student for the week

3rd place is Ecole College Heights Gr. 3/4 with 39.13 grams / student for the week.

We also hope that everyone who took part in the International Walk to School Week had a good time. Hopefully you learned new ways to get to school that reduce the amount of pollution produced and had fun.

