

# REAPS READER

Have you helped the environment today?

## **Don't forget about WASTE REDUCTION MONTH!!**

Once again the time has come to challenge you and your classmates to produce the least amount of garbage during the week of October 5-9 because this will help to reduce the waste going into the landfill and a chance to win \$100 for your class.

Register with R.E.A.P.S @ 250 561-7327 or email [events@reaps.org](mailto:events@reaps.org) to receive an info package.

**To participate:** Set up 4 containers; one each for recyclables (paper, tetra packs, milk cartons, cans, cardboard and glass), compostables, refundable containers (pop bottles, cans, juice boxes) and actual true garbage. At the end of each day, weigh the materials in each container and record on the sheet provided. You should find that the amount of garbage is reduced by 80% leaving only approximately 20% that is actual garbage. It is important to dispose of the material properly at the end of the day.

### Design Your Own Recycled Space Alien for Halloween

1. Determine which planet your alien will be from. Ex. Mercury— it's the smallest planet and closest to the sun which would make that side of the planet very, very hot and the other very, very cold. The planet's surface is also hardened lava.
2. Now think about the features of your creature, it can eat, breathe anything you can think up.
3. Now your alien will have to move and protect itself, so think about senses and limbs (if it has any at all).
4. Now instead of throwing away things like paper foil, plastic, or paper rolls you can make them into a HCA (Highly Creative Alien).



#### KEEP YOUR PET SAFE ON HALLOWEEN!

Leave your pet at home when you go trick or treating., it can be a scary experience for them.

Do not share your candy with them, it may make them sick.

Make sure your pet has ID tags in case they get scared and run away.

Do not put your pet in a costume. It can scare and confuse them.

Keep all animals indoors, especially black cats. Don't let your pet become the target of unfunny pranksters.



#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 6:** World Habitat Day—remember we share the world

**October 13:** Thanksgiving—try eating local food.

**October 5-9:** Waste Reduction Week in RDFFG.

**October 18:** In 2002 a black hole was discovered in the Milky Way with 2 MILLION times the mass of our sun!

**October 31:** Halloween—don't forget that you can compost your pumpkins and save the seeds for a healthy snack.

