Green Star and Food Rescue

Let's build a better world!
Our school goal: to develop ecologically-minded, earth-positive habits in our students, staff and community.
What is a Green Star School?
Green Star School Objectives:

- Reduce waste
- Increase recycling
- Implement Collection of Compostables
- Improve Environmental Awareness & Motivate Participation
- Lower Each School’s Trash Bill
Being a Green Star School helps us develop earth-positive habits!

Simple and easy!
What does this look like in the cafeteria?
Zero-Waste Events!

Mini Grants Green Kits

Waste-Free Lunch Contest

How do we pack a waste-free lunch?

- Use a reusable lunch bag
- Bring a water bottle
- Bring reusable containers and utensils
- Bring a cloth napkin.
- Nature's containers
Worm Composting
Making a Compost Bin at School or Home

1. Drill holes in a storage bin
2. Prepare the bedding -- newsprint and soil
3. Add the worms
4. Feed the worms

Source: Composting in Schools
Inspired by Green Star!
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BE A FOOD HERO

Don't trash it, share it!
What is a Food Rescue Table?

It is a table where you can put unopened food that in its original packaging, or whole fruit.

This food is available for students to eat during lunch, as snacks during the day, or reused by the cafeteria.
Before implementing a Food Rescue Program, we discuss the important reasons why we should have Food Rescue Table with students, staff and community.

Ending hunger is a world goal.

Food Insecurity

What Happens After We Throw Away Food?

What are the environmental impacts?

What are some solutions?
How to become a food rescue hero

- Make your lunch choice before getting to the counter
- Think before you take! Do I need that? Do I want that?
- If you have extra food, save food to eat later
- Put unopened food and whole fruit in the bins
Expectations for a food rescue hero

- Be respectful to the lunchroom helpers and classmates,
- Say “please” and “thank you”,
- Clean up after yourself.
- Think before you throw away an item! Can this item be reused? If not, where does it go?
- Use the Food Rescue Table if you have finished your lunch and you are still hungry.
- Talk about ways to reduce food waste at home.
- Ask your parents to only pack food you like, or pack your own lunch.
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**K-12 Food Rescue Logging**
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Other Food Rescue Resources!

You Rock
Thank You

FOOD RESCUE
FOUNDATION

Eagle Crest Elementary School
975 items RESCUED
195.00 MEALS RESCUED
YOU REDUCED YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT
121.88 lbs. CO2e REDUCTION

www.FoodRescue.net/free-online-tool.html

LiveWell
COLORADO

Smarter Lunchroom Movement

CHEF ANN
FOUNDATION
What has been successful in maintaining our programs?

Start small. Make it easy for students and staff to embrace the habit of recycling and composting!

Involve everyone! We have school-wide education and are student, staff, and community driven - let’s work together to solve our environmental problems!
Give students voice!

Eagle Crest STEM Explorers Blog

Wednesday was our 10th Green Star Celebration Assembly and we had a special guest... Hawk Quest! They brought in raptors and they told all about them. Then they brought out a great horned owl. They said that if you look at it just right it looks like a cat. And then they brought in a falcon, and a bald eagle. Students who answered questions got a book mark and people that volunteered. The book mark meant that they get to get a picture with a raptor!

Next on Thursday, Eco Cycle came to visit classes. Ms. Kim talked about what we should put in the trash and recycle and compost, and what not to put in the trash and recycle and compost.

Also, Eco Cycle was in the cafeteria to help with sorting waste. There was a prize wheel outside at recess. Also, we all get to choose one book from the free book table by the cafeteria!

Eco Eagles Support Energy-Saving Month and New Mascot!

November is energy-saving month and we earn money for saving energy at Eagle Crest! In STEM Explorers, we created reminders about how to save energy at school. We made the Reminders from the Eco Eagles sign “go” by using neon, pink, purple and blue paper. Our teachers demonstrated it for us and then we did it ourselves. These signs are posted all over the school! Our STEM Explorers team is really cool!

We also have a new mascot. STEM Explorers students brainstormed and created ideas for a new mascot and team names. We voted and . . . Let me introduce Earthy the Eco Eagle!

By: Emmie

Helpful Links

- STEM Explorers Blog
- How much energy are we saving?
- STEM Explorers Student Contract
- Sustainability, Technology, Greenstar, and Weather Information
- Be Green!
- Eco Cycle
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Embrace Partnerships!

PTO Resource Wise STEM Explorers

eco-cycle® Building Zero Waste Communities
Green Star Schools and Food Rescue Table Advocacy

- Start at home! If you have children, get them involved! Model sustainable habits such as recycling, composting, and taking only what you would like to eat.
- Get your child interested in keeping our earth healthy and have them talk, email or write letters to the school or district administrators about the importance of composting and rescuing food.
- Talk to, email, write letters to your school’s teachers and administrators!
- Get on the waitlist to become a Green Star School. Email schools@ecocycle.org
Thank you!

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