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SCHOOL-WIDE PROJECTS

A group of students or a class (or all classes in the school) designs a long-term project with a community component that results in a better environment for the community.

Here are some examples :

- In a small town where there are not adequate litter bins, undertake all phases of a plan to place litter containers where they are needed. This project includes the necessary governmental preparations & permits and procurement & preparation of the containers (volunteers to prep and paint as well as businesses to donate materials and money for expenses). The final component would be the resources to disseminate the bins as well as a public relations campaign to local media to educate the community about its new opportunity to help our planet.
- Students would look at what's missing in their community/school – based upon what other schools in other communities are doing/not doing regarding pollution or environmental concerns. For example, in a community with no active recycling program in the school, set up and administer such a program. Or, in a large metropolitan area, where there are large number of SUVs (sport utility vehicles), students could develop and produce a public awareness program (using local newspapers, radio, television, web, etc...) about the negative effects an SUV has on the environment with an encouragement for people to not purchase them.
- Develop a program to encourage local merchants to sell recycled products and products made from recycled materials whenever possible. Then publicize the information to the community.
- Create, develop and disseminate a public awareness program to educate the community about how pollution has affected foods (i.e., fruits, vegetables, meat, etc...)
- Create and develop in your community (your town or just your school) programs to ban (possibly by town ordinance) certain products or actions because they harm to the environment (i.e., styrofoam, SUVs, burning trash, etc...).
- In a small town, develop or create a uniform garbage & recycled materials pick-up for all citizens paid for by the taxpayers. This enables complete control of 100% of the recycling and the waste hauler's faithfulness to the proper handling of all materials.