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Magnolia West Interact Club Spreads Recycling to Williams Elementary

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In late 2012, Keep Montgomery County Beautiful was awarded an H-E-B Green Bag Grant to implement a educational program pertaining to environmental education and/or waste management at Williams Elementary and Magnolia West High School. Together, KMCB, the Interact Club at MWHS and Pamela Fairchild, counselor at Williams Elementary put together this program that included the purchase of recycling bins and bags for each school's cafeteria, development of an educational program by the high school students for the elementary students, counting and tracking the bags of recyclables collected at Williams, and providing pencils made from recycled currency to the elementary students as a reward for a job well done.

On Wednesday, March 20th, a group of students from Magnolia West High School's Interact Club initiated the recycling program at Williams Elementary. The group of over 15 students made multiple presentations to the elementary students, educating them on the proper ways to dispose of their trash and recyclables. The students were taught how to recycle plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and paper products in an effort to spread the "green" theme throughout the school district.

With the new donated recycling bins, the Interact Club had the elementary students "interact" with the presenters and get hands-on with recycling. Interact Club President Dakota Stormer stated that "this is a great way to teach students at a young age how to respect their environment and conserve resources." President-elect Kaitlin Stutts plans to have Interact Club continue to spread the green initiative throughout the school district; "Our long-term goal is to have plastic bottle and aluminum can recycling in every school in MISD."

The students at Williams Elementary thoroughly enjoyed learning about recycling and have joined in the recycling fever with enthusiasm. From May 20th through April 26th, the students have collected 72 bags of recyclables, keeping all of those valuable resources out of the landfill. On April 22 (Earth Day) the school had a mid-way program to celebrate their success and become re-motivated to end the school year with even more plastic bottles and aluminum cans being collected. Each student was given a pencil made from recycled currency labeled with the words "Williams Elementary Recycles!" to recognize their efforts.

This recycling program is the first of many to come in an attempt to make Magnolia a cleaner, greener place in the years to come.



Jay Stubblefield, Williams Elementary student, helped design and create the graph to show WES students and teachers how well they are doing with their recycling project.

H-E-B, Central Market and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) have partnered to create the Green Bag Grants program, giving 20 communities from five regions of Texas a share of \$25,000 to support plastic bag recycling and reduction, water conservation education and educational programming pertaining to environmental education and/or waste management. Grants awarded range in size from \$300 - \$2,000.

Keep Montgomery County Beautiful is a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower Texans through education to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment. For more information about Keep Montgomery County Beautiful, visit www.kmcbtexas.com.

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