



## Recycling Day Wins Over Young Recruits in Dallas

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More than 600 Dallas students learned about recycling first hand this November 15, America Recycles Day. Sitting on their school's recycled glass terrazzo floor, Carolyn G. Bukhair Elementary school attendees watched a recycling demonstration, said the Recycling Pledge, and learned about how their school's floor was made from used glass. First graders heard a story about closing the loop by buying recycled products. Other grade level activities included artistic expressions about recycling, a letter-writing effort to the Texas governor on green building, and creation of a pamphlet on recycling.

The event was one of hundreds across America and Texas celebrating America Recycles Day, an annual recycling education event. EnviroGLAS Products Inc. coordinated the event in cooperation with the school, using their recycled glass floor as a vehicle to bring home the concept of recycling. Students were led in a recycling pledge by Dallas Councilwoman Lois Finkleman as they promised to recycle more and buy more recycled products. The Councilwoman also encouraged the students to enter a Metroplex-wide "Recycle Art Contest" using found or used items, sponsored by the DFW Green Alliance.

Staff members from the Greensheet Foundation provided their supplement, "Do Your Share For Earth Care" to grades 3-6, and worked with 4<sup>th</sup> graders to write short essays. Nine year-old Jessica wrote, "To help the Earth, we need to recycle. The things you could recycle are: plastic, paper, metal, and a lot more. We could also reuse a bunch of things," she added. Raul, 10, declared, "If we don't recycle, we can be in serious trouble. It is not just that Texas needs people to recycle; it is also the whole world that needs it. Probably, if something is coming from space and scientists made a machine to stop it, I am sure that they used something that has been recycled."

The only thing the school recycled before the event was paper. Most of the school's students live in apartments that don't have recycling bins. So the school's science specialist, Janiece Upshaw, is initiating an effort to get recycling bins. "The kids want to have a place to recycle their plastic containers. I've asked our principal about getting bins for plastic and glass at our school. And we are about to start 'recycling teams' who help carry out the recycled paper at the end of each day. EnviroGLAS did a good thing at our school, and now the kids want to do the right thing," she reports.

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