

Dear AH Families,

In an effort to become a Green School, members of the 5th grade class have implemented a huge change in the way we view garbage removal. With the inception of a new composting and recycling program the school has turned 8 large bags of garbage to ½ of a bag each day in the lunchroom. Over 60 pounds a day of organic waste has been diverted to the onsite compost bins. A new focus on recycling hard plastic and aluminum has been reborn along with the new collection of soft plastics, chip bags, juice pouches, fruit pouches, and Elmer's glue products.

We have also partnered with the New Jersey based company Terracycle which will be donating 2 cents per pouch, chip bag and Elmer's glue product collected.

We are asking for families to save the following items which are NOT recyclable in Westchester County and send them in to school in a plastic or paper shopping bag c/o David O'Neil or Vidya Bhat. Items can be brought in by the children and left in room 202 or the reading room. This program will be done on a trial basis to see if it is a viable project for our school.

Collection Items

Juice pouches – Kool Aid, Capri Sun, Honest Kids – Remove Straw and squeeze out all juice, then lightly rinse outside

Empty Chip bags – Any brand and any size

Fruit squeeze pouches or baby food pouches– Any brand and any size – recycle the cap and rinse

Elmer's glue products – glue sticks, bottles of any size. Rinsing is not needed.

Diaper packaging – Any brand

Tape dispensers - any brand and any size plastic tape dispensers and cores

Thanks,

David O'Neil and Vidya Bhat

