

BWPTA News



Bryker Woods Elementary School

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Bryker Woods Celebrates Earth Day!

Here at Bryker Woods we try to "Go Green" every week of the year, but this week we are going all out to celebrate Earth Day, April 22:

Least Waste Contest: Monday-Wednesday

Which class will come closest to the goal of having a zero-waste lunch? **Winners will be announced at assembly on Thursday.**

Electronic Waste Drive: Wednesday morning 7:20-8:00am One time only: bring in those old computers, parts, cables, cell phones, video and audio tapes, etc. for recycling.

ACL (Apples, Carrots, Lettuce) Festival- All this week! Challenge: can you eat Five fruits and vegetables each day? Each kid eating a fruit or vegetable at lunch will get a special sticker to wear the rest of the day!

2010 Environmental Awareness Awards, Ceremony 5:30pm City Hall; reception follows Wow - Bryker Woods is being honored! Come down to City Hall to join the celebration.

Backyard Compost Demo: Sunday April 25th, 10am Join Master Composter Tim Matteer as he gets the compost cooking at the Andre - Neulander home. Bring your questions!

Electronic Waste Drive -- Wednesday at DROP-OFF!

The Go Green Committee has scheduled the second annual E-Waste Drive at Bryker Woods. This year, it will be a ONE-TIME drop-off period on Wednesday, April 21 from 7:20-8:00 AM

M&K Recovery Group will have a truck parked in front of the school where you can bring your e-waste for recycling.

So please, get together anything that is electronic in nature, including:

- All forms of electronic media and their cases: diskettes, zip disks, CDs, CD-Rs, CD-RWs, DVDs et al, video tape (i.e. VHS), audio tape, game cartridges, DAT, DLT, Beta or Digibeta, and virtually all other type of computer tapes.
- Hard drives, Zip and Jazz drives, jump drives, etc.
- All forms of printer cartridges including both inkjet and toner.
- All types of cell phones, pagers, PDAs and their chargers, cables, and headset accessories
- All types of rechargeable batteries (not regular alkaline ones) and their chargers
- All of the small computer accessories such as MP3 players, iPods, digital cameras, hand-held scanners, handheld games and other connected devices.
- All of the cords, cables, boards, chips, etc. attached to or removed from a computer.
- Laptop computers.

If you have any questions, please email Liz Jambor at Elizabeth.Jambor@austinenergy.com

Please join us as we honor the 2010 Environmental Award winners.



DATE: April 22, 2010 – Earth Day
TIME: 5:30 pm - Ceremony
PLACE: City Hall, 301 W. 2nd - Council Chambers

Reception immediately following the ceremony. Music & Appetizers on City Managers balcony 3rd floor of city hall.

The City of Austin is pleased to announce the winners of the 2010 Environmental Awareness Awards:

- ◆ Richard Craig
- ◆ Austin Energy Green Building Program
- ◆ Austin Zero Waste Alliance
- ◆ Texas Facilities Commission Recycle Program
- ◆ Dell and Goodwill Industries of Central Texas
- ◆ Bryker Woods Elementary School PTA
- ◆ Barr Mansion & Artisan Ballroom

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
19 Least Waste Contest Monday, Tues, Wed!! <i>Spanish program presentation, 7:45am (3rd-6th students)</i> Monday morning coffee Assembly	20 ACL(Apples, Carrots, Lettuce) Festival, all week!	21 Chess Club End of Year Party 2:45-3:45	22  Earth Day Assembly	23 1:15pm Faculty vs. 6 th grade Volleyball game Compost Friday	24 / 25 Sunday 10-11am: Backyard Compost Demo at 2318 Canterbury St.
26 Monday morning coffee Assembly	27	28	29 Assembly	30 Compost Friday	May 1 / 2

Least Waste Contest

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday April 19-21

This week, classes will be competing with each other for our LEAST WASTE AWARD at lunchtime by eating as much of their lunches as possible and creating as little trash as possible. On the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday leading up to Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, our PTA volunteers will be in the cafeteria to weigh the lunch waste of each classroom. Fruit and veggie scraps won't count as waste since we'll be composting those.

Also, they will be giving special recognition to each child who eats a fruit and a vegetable at lunch!

So encourage your kids to eat all of their lunch. If you pack a lunch, don't pack more than they can consume, and use re-usable containers and napkins. Plastic and paper trash WILL count as waste.

A unique trophy will be presented to the least wasteful class or classes on Thursday, April 22 in assembly.

In conjunction with the Least Waste Award, we will also be having the

Bryker Woods ACL Festival!

(Apples, Carrots & Lettuce)

Each day this week classes will be competing to see who can eat the most fruits and vegetables. We are encouraging kids to try to eat 5 servings of fruits and/or vegetables each day. Kids with a fruit or vegetable in their lunch (that they eat) will get a very cool sticker to wear the rest of the day. The class that eats the most fruits and veggies next week will get special recognition and a little something for each kid as well. Be on the lookout for recipes and ideas on getting more fruits and veggies into your diet as we post them on the list serve and in your Monday folder for a cool handout to help you track your fruit and veggie consumption.

-The Health and Wellness Committee and the Go Green Committee

**Chess Club End of Year pizza party and awards ceremony
 Wednesday April 21 2:45-3:45pm:** Please note that this is the last meeting of the Chess Club for the year!

Backyard composting Demo: Sunday, April 25 @ 10 a.m.

Join us for a compost demonstration on Sunday, April 25 from 10 - 11 a.m. As we take the Bryker Woods Elementary School's "Compost Family Challenge," Texas Master Composter will help us build a compost pile and walk us through the composting process. Bring your questions and curiosity.

Our address is 2318 Canterbury St. 78702.

Rain Date: May 2 @ 10 a.m.

Yard trimmings and food residuals together constitute 24 percent of the U.S. municipal solid waste stream. That's a lot of waste to send to landfills when it could become useful compost instead! Backyard composting can help Austin reach its goal to produce ZERO WASTE (or pretty darn close) by 2040!

Thanks,
 Sarah Andre and Jason Neulander

Thursday, April 22, Earth Day is special not just for the Earth, but also for you stewards of the Earth who will be recognized by the City of Austin for making Bryker Woods the Greenest School in Town!

The Ceremony begins in the City Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. Anyone wanting to carpool down there can meet us at school at 4:40 p.m. Otherwise, we hope you take the bus or ride your bike. Regardless, we hope to see you and your children there. A reception will follow on the City Manager's balcony on the 3rd floor, so please...

RSVP if you are attending
 to climateprotection@austinenergy.com