



Dear Princeton Day School Families,

Sustainability is central to the ethos of Princeton Day School. We walk the walk in our decision making as we talk the talk in the classrooms. We invite and encourage you to be eco- stewards with us, to model for your children the important lessons that will lead to a more sustainable future for everyone.

Because of the pandemic we all got used to using more disposables--and it was for an important reason--but the worldwide effect on waste increase was extraordinary. This year we will refocus our energy on resource conservation. Here are a few of the ways you can help:

- We are partnering with Terracycle and Colgate to recycle all used brands of oral care products and packaging. You can start saving them now; we will be collecting them at school in the fall.
- Send your student athlete in with a reusable water bottle (a required piece of daily athletic equipment). Please avoid sending in single use disposable beverage bottles at all times.
- If you send in lunch or snack with your child, please package it in a reusable lunchbox/bag with food containers (of the Tupperware type), a reusable bottle, and a cloth napkin. As we work towards a zero-waste campus, lunch is our biggest challenge. Plus, taking care of the lunchbox is a good way to help your child learn responsibility.
- Please turn off your car as you wait for your children at pick up. Car idling is expensive for the health of all of our children, for your pocketbook and the environment. The state of NJ and PDS prohibits idling for no more than three minutes.
- Consider carpooling. Carpooling is another great way to practice sustainability. To make it easier for families to search for other families in their area with whom they can carpool to Princeton Day School, we have a carpool map on our website: "Inside PDS" in the parent portal in the left navigation menu. Save time, save gas, reduce carbon emissions.

- If you are on campus with an electric vehicle, you can “fill up” at our Athletic Center charging station.
- When visitors are invited back onto campus, be sure to check out the interactive touch screen at the Athletic Center that tells the eco decisions behind our LEED certified building.

Please check out the sustainability page on the website to see our full program.

www.pds.org/sustainability. Stay tuned for sign up information on volunteer family work times in the garden. The PARENT SUSTAINABILITY & GARDEN GROUP (PSGG) is the wonderful Parents Association committee that supports sustainability and the garden at our school. We plan many activities for parents and organize volunteer days in the garden. For more information, contact the parent co-chairs: Jean Goh (jodyorjean@gmail.com), Veronica White (veronicamariawhite@gmail.com) or Jennifer Babbino (jbabbino@verizon.net). If you have any questions or ideas, we welcome them. Please feel free to contact me at lcutler@pds.org.

Happy Summer.

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