



EVANSTON/SKOKIE
SCHOOL DISTRICT 65

Every Child, Every Day, Whatever it Takes

D65 Climate Action Community Meeting

November 15, 2022

Agenda



- ❑ Land Acknowledgement and Welcome (Marie, Sylvia)
- ❑ D65 Sustainability Update (Karen Bireta, Sustainability Coordinator)
- ❑ Quest 4 Earth (guest speaker): Melanie West
- ❑ Stationary Recycling with Terracycle
- ❑ Composting and Recycling in our Schools
- ❑ Save the Date: our next meeting is January 17th, 6:30-7:30pm in person

Land Acknowledgement

We now invite everyone to acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting today. Recognizing that we are on stolen land is important because it acknowledges that the present United States is a collection of territories and land purchases accumulated by genocide. We are thankful to be able to be here and have this event. We ask that everyone be conscious of their place on the native lands of North America and our role in colonialism. Remembering the history, and honoring the contributions and traditions of indigenous peoples is one step towards fighting their erasure. We pay respect to the Elders past and present and extend our recognition to their descendants.



D65 Sustainability Update

Karen Bireta
Sustainability Coordinator

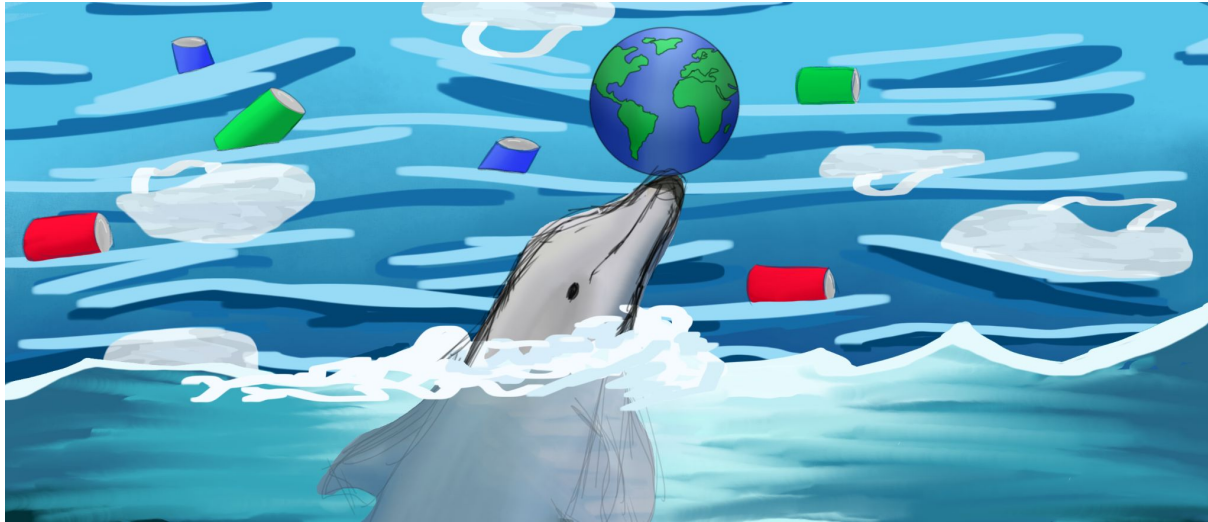


City Recycling Truck Art Competition



With almost 400 votes. The winner is....

Zeynep B., 8th Grader at Chute



Will be displayed on City of Evanston Recycling Truck by the end of December!



Announced at Evanston's
City Council Meeting on
Nov. 14.

Shout Out: Trick or Trash Candy Wrapper Recycling



7 Participating Schools this year, running until 11/18:

- ★ Chute
- ★ Haven
- ★ JEH Early Childhood (set-up at main entrance)
- ★ Nichols
- ★ Oakton
- ★ Walker
- ★ Lincolnwood

[D65 How to Guide: Trick or Trash Candy Wrapper Recycling](#)



Shout Out: Walker Fall Fest

From Jennifer Gilbert:

We've added some environmentally-friendly initiatives to Walker's annual fundraising carnival, WalkerFest on November 5th!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle at WalkerFest and Beyond!

November 5th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Walker Garden Pumpkin Smash

During WalkerFest, bring your carved or unused pumpkins to the Walker Garden for composting. You can smash them yourself at the smash station or leave them and the Girl Scouts will smash them for you. A small pumpkin = 1 Walkerbuck & a large pumpkin = 5 Walkerbucks



WalkerFest Playground Clean Up

Help keep our Walker playground safe for the environment by cleaning it up. 1 Walkerbuck for every 5 pieces of trash. Gloves will be provided.

Trick or Trash

Don't let your family's candy wrappers go to waste! Recycle your candy wrappers during WalkerFest and at school November 1 - 18. Students can bring empty plastic, aluminum and paper candy wrappers to Walker and place them in the Trick or Trash recycling box outside the main office. Let's fill our Trick or Trash box and keep candy wrappers out of our community's landfills this Halloween! Find out more at trickortrash.com.



ESCCA Collection

We will be collecting New and gently used fall and winter clothing for the Evanston School Children's Clothing Association. Here is the link for what they are most in need of right now: <https://www.escca.org/>.

Shout Out: Oakton Book Donations



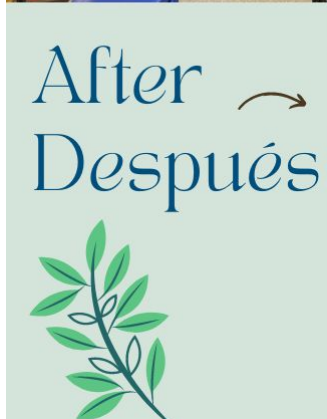
Unused book area is converted into a new learning space for students.

Oakton teachers, custodians, parents, and community members teamed up with the D65 Sustainability Coordinator to sort and redistribute the children's books to clear and organize the space.

The books were sorted and restocked to individual classroom libraries. Oakton's free book store open to all students, the Story Store, was replenished. Donations were also made to local organizations in need of literary materials.



Before
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After
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Books4Cause (D65 Guidance)

- Free children's books for schools
- Donate books from your school

Share with school PTA, book nooks / story store contacts, and librarians.



Volunteer Opportunity: 2023 Earth Week



Development Eco Heroes classroom engagement slide deck for 2023 Earth Week

- ★ Seeking 3-4 teachers and community members with expertise in environmental education
- ★ Starting point is [2022 Eco heroes and eco tips](#)
- ★ Focus on diversity of eco heroes to inspire our students
- ★ Materials will be translated and available in English and Spanish
- ★ Timeline: Starting January through March 2023
- ★ Lead by Genie Albina

Interested? Email Karen Bireta (biretak@district65.net) and Genie Albina (mealbina@gmail.com)

D65 Tree & Native Planting Process



[Google Form \(now available to use!\)](#) for schools to submit requests to their principals, assistant principals and custodians.

Encourage following our [D65 process \(draft\)](#) to collaborate with your school and key stakeholders on the following (allow time for planning & approvals):

- New Tree Planting
- Planting Native Plants
- Major Renovation to School Food Garden
- New School Food Garden
- Tree Removal (including ground out stump)
- Shrub Removal

D65 Sustainability Resources



Check out the following resources!

- ★ [D65 Sustainability Focus: 22-23 School Year](#)
- ★ [D65 Guidance for Climate Action at Schools: 22-23 School Year Sustainability Focus](#)
- ★ Karen Bireta, Sustainability Coordinator biretak@district65.net

Growing our D65 Climate Action Community at every D65 school!

Please update or add contacts to this school year's [contact list!](#)

- ★ Climate Action Team chairs / committee members
- ★ Garden Team leads
- ★ Climate Clubs
- ★ Teachers / Staff passionate about sustainability
- ★ PTA emails
- ★ School PTA emails to Families

Quest 4 Earth

Guest Speaker:
Melanie West

[Website](#)



Stationary Recycling in D65 Schools

★ [Stationary Recycling with
TerraCycle: D65 How to Guide](#)

Encourage setting up at your
school!



Composting & Recycling in our Schools



Lunchroom composting and recycling in every elementary & middle school!

- ★ Dewey started on November 7
- ★ JEH ECC is expanding to all classrooms
- ★ New Student Engagement Activities:
 - [Hands On Classroom Sorting Activity](#)
 - [Composting Relay with PE Classes](#)
- ★ Focusing on improving students sorting / reducing contamination
- ★ Early stages of exploring reduction in single use items (ex: sauce packets)

Composting and Recycling in Staff Lounges

- ★ **Encourage set-up of composting and recycling in staff lounges at your school**
- ★ [D65 Staff Lounge How to Guide](#)

Show gratitude to our custodians and lunchroom supervisors at your school! Encourage sharing thank you cards, bakery treats, refreshing drink, or more ideas...

[D65 Lunchroom Composting & Recycling Resources](#) (1-pager)

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