



# **SUSTAINABILITY POSITIVE IMPACT**

**23-24 SCHOOL YEAR**



**EVANSTON/SKOKIE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 65**

Every Child. Every Day. Whatever It Takes



# Lunchroom Composting & Recycling at D65

23-24 SCHOOL YEAR POSITIVE IMPACT



5,946  
Students at  
16 Schools



204,915 lbs.  
Composted  
Waste

378,995  
Trays  
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Meet Imani affectionately known as  
“Miss Compost” [Video](#)





# Let's Recycle Better Together!



## Rolled Out Recycling Improvements for Earth Month

66.11 Tons Recycled | Measure of Things  
(August 2023 - start of June 2024)

City of Evanston Wednesday schools route (includes  
ETHS and a few other serviced locations)



# D65 END OF SCHOOL CLEAN OUT



## 2024 POSITIVE IMPACT

Encouraging reuse within our Schools and Families.

**7**

Participating  
Schools

**1**

Supply Closet  
Restocked

**31**

People  
Helping

**35**

Boxes of Supplies  
to D65 Family  
Wellness Program

**22**

Boxes of  
Supplies to Art  
Makers Outpost

**150**

Boxes of  
Supplies / Books  
to SCARCE



# D65 LIMPIEZA DE FIN DE CURSO



## IMPACTO POSITIVO DEL 2024

Fomentar la reutilización en nuestras escuelas y familias.

**7**

Escuelas  
Participaron

**1**

Reabastecimiento  
del armario de  
suministros

**31**

Personas  
ayudaron

**35**

Cajas para el  
Programa de  
Bienestar  
Familiar del D65

**22**

Cajas para Art  
Makers  
Outpost

**150**

Cajas y libros  
para el programa  
SCARCE



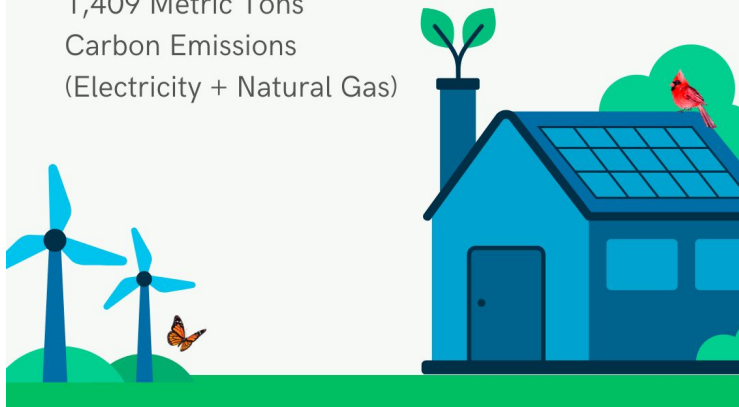
# 27% Reduction in Carbon Emissions (Electricity + Natural Gas)



Total Carbon Emissions, Scope 2 (Metric Tons)	
2018 (May) - 2019 (April)	6,699
2023 (May) - 2024 (April)	5,290
Reduction Amount	1,409
27% Reduction in Carbon Emissions (Scope 2) from Total Electricity and Natural Gas	

That's equivalent to  
**184 homes' energy use**  
for one year

1,409 Metric Tons  
Carbon Emissions  
(Electricity + Natural Gas)



Based on US EPA GHG Calculator for Total Electricity and Natural Gas Usage (Scope 2 Carbon Emissions)

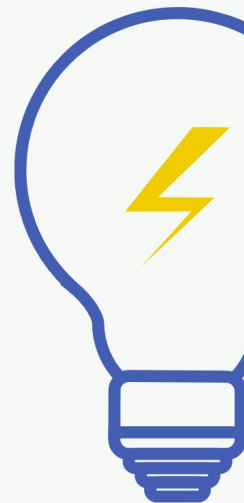
# 28% Reduction in Electricity Used



Total Electricity Used (kWh)	
2018 (May) - 2019 (April)	7,771,417
2023 (May) - 2024 (April)	6,090,941
Reduction Amount	1,680,476
28% Reduction in Electricity Used	

That's equivalent  
to **232 homes'**  
**electricity use**  
for one year

1,680,476 kWh  
electricity reduction



# 26% Reduction in Natural Gas Used



Total Natural Gas Used (THERM)	
2018 (May) - 2019 (April)	653,716
2023 (May) - 2024 (April)	519,931
Reduction Amount	133,785
26% Reduction in Natural Gas Used	

That's equivalent to  
taking **168 gas cars** off  
the road for one year

133,785 THERM  
natural gas reduction



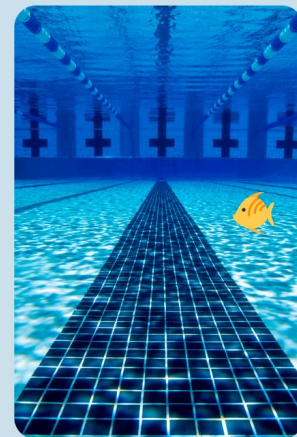
# 11% Reduction in Water Used



Total Water Used (CCF)	
2018 (May) - 2019 (April)	13,219
2023 (May) - 2024 (April)	11,866
Reduction Amount	1,353
11% Reduction in Water Used	

That's equivalent  
to **1.5 Olympic  
Swimming Pools**

1,353 CCF water reduction





# Cost Avoidance from Sustainability/Energy Efficiency



Annual Cost/Usage Avoidance (USD)			
	Natural Gas	Electricity	Water
2023 (May) - 2024 (April)	\$137,221	\$295,245	\$130,483
<i>Compared to base year usage and costs in 1995-1996</i>	28.7%	29.9%	58.6%
<b>Total Annual Cost/Usage Avoidance</b>	<b>\$542,949</b>		

**Cost Avoidance:** Shows the cost savings realized by implementing sustainability / energy efficient programs and initiatives to reduce electricity, natural gas and water compared to what our usage would have been continuing "business as usual" with no reduction efforts.

# D65 Sustainability Focus: 23-24 School Year



## Curriculum & Student Action

1. Science Inquiry-to-Informed-Action Framework & Unit Supplements ([CPS example](#)) - pilot for 1st, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th grades. Launched this project in summer 2023 and ongoing project with 9 educators. *Partnership with Science Curriculum. Achieved.*
2. Participating in yearlong [Learning in Places](#) leadership cohort with 8 D65 Teachers, lead by Northwestern. *Partnership with Science Curriculum. Achieved.*
3. Hosting D65 Parent University Sustainability Series (Fall 2023). *Partnership with Family and Community Partnerships. Achieved.*
4. Promote [Evanston Public Library Blueberry Award](#) book list curated for young readers boosting love of nature and climate action. *Achieved.*
5. Explore ways to deepen opportunities for students to engage in D65 school gardens. *Achieved.*
6. Host Earth Month activities at our schools. *Achieved.*

**Ongoing:** Support Climate Clubs at our schools.

# D65 Sustainability Focus: 23-24 School Year



## Waste & Circularity

1. Lunchroom Composting and Recycling at all schools, with focus on improving student sorting and reducing contamination. **Achieved at 16 schools.**
2. Reducing single use packaging for student lunches. *Partnership with ETHS and D65 Nutrition Services.* **Achieved.**
3. Recycling Truck Art Competition with the City of Evanston and D65 Middle Schools for America Recycles Day. *Partnership with City of Evanston and D65 Middle School Arts.* **Achieved.**
4. Improve and increase school recycling. *Partnership with City of Evanston.* **Achieved.**
5. Host end of school classroom and locker clean out. **Achieved.**
6. Host trick or trash candy wrapper recycling. **Achieved.**

# D65 Sustainability Focus: 23-24 School Year



## Energy & Transportation

- Join the [Efficient and Healthy Schools](#) Campaign. **Achieved.**

### Ongoing:

- Solar Panels at our Schools.
- Exploration of purchasing renewable electricity.
- Applying for grants, including US EPA Clean School Bus Grant.
- Adding new bike racks upon School Principal request.



# D65 Sustainability Focus: 23-24 School Year



## Buildings & Grounds

- Exploration and interest level of creating / improving outdoor learning spaces, grounded in [Learning in Places “Designing Places for Outdoor Learning”](#). **Socialized with 1 School Leadership Team, shared with D65 Community.**

### Ongoing:

- [5th Ward School](#) and sustainability features.
- Applying for grants for building improvements, including Renew America's School Grant.
- Planting new trees and natives on school grounds.

# D65 Sustainability Focus: 23-24 School Year



## Water

- Develop best practices for watering at school gardens and grounds (new trees and native plants). **Achieved.**

### Ongoing:

- Monitor water usage at schools and identify water leaks, partnership and collaboration with D65 Maintenance.

# US EPA Clean School Bus Program Grant



In 2024, US EPA Clean School Bus Program Awards awarded STA with \$12,187,254 for 32 all electric school buses for five school districts they're serving in Illinois and Wisconsin including District 65. As part of the grant award, D65 is potentially eligible for our students to be served by **five electric school buses**.

District 65 is still working through details with STA. Our District is excited about the opportunity for our students and community to have access to quiet, clean operating electric school buses and improved air quality.





# Curriculum & Student Action

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23-24 School Year Positive Impact



# A Key Focus Area of the D65 Department of Science



Enhancing our teaching and learning around **equity**, **sustainability**, and **climate action**.

1. Climate Change Unit
2. Inquiry-to-Informed Action Unit Supplements
3. Learning in Places (Partnership with NU)
4. Science Minutes

# 1. Updated Scope and Sequence (Middle School)



Grade	Unit1	Unit 2	Unit 3
Grade 6	<u><a href="#">6.1 Light &amp; Matter</a></u> 5-6 Weeks OpenSciEd	<u><a href="#">6.2 Thermal Energy</a></u> 10-11 Weeks OpenSciEd	<u><a href="#">6.3 Weather, Climate and Water Cycling</a></u> 11-12 Weeks
Grade 7	<u><a href="#">7.1 Chemical Reactions and Matter</a></u> 8-9 Weeks OpenSciEd	<u><a href="#">7.3 Metabolic Reactions</a></u> 8-9 Weeks OpenSciEd	<u><a href="#">7.6 Earth's Resources and Human Impact</a></u> 9-10 Weeks OpenSciEd
Grade 8	<u><a href="#">8.1 Contact Forces</a></u> 9-10 Weeks OpenSciEd	<u><a href="#">8.4 Earth in Space</a></u> 9-10 Weeks OpenSciEd	<u><a href="#">8.5 Variation of Traits (Genetics/Environment)</a></u> 7-8 Weeks OpenSciEd

## 2. Inquiry to Informed Action: Science



Science Curriculum Summer Project with 9 D65 Educators, piloting this school year at King Arts, Dawes, Oakton, Chute, Haven and Nichols.

### Overarching Vision for D65 Inquiry to Informed Action Unit Science Supplements

For particular units in our [K-5](#) and [Middle School](#) Scope and Sequence, we create an authentically integrated experience for students to apply and deepen their standards-aligned learning by researching and taking action on a meaningful issue:

- ★ Justice related
- ★ Sustainability related

(grounded in [optimism](#), [joy](#), and [community](#) and [cultural assets](#))

### 3. Learning in Places (PreK-4)



JEH

(Wondering about the nest)



Rhodes

(Wondering about a tomato in  
their school garden)



Dawes  
Family  
Night

10/27/23

Next Family  
Night is 2/28/24  
@ Rhodes



# 4. Science Minutes

Middle School Redesign:  
Proposed Schedules all have increased science minutes.



SY22-23

Guidelines (Monolingual) SY 2022-23	K-2				3-5		
	Typical	Range (Min - Max)			Typical	Range (Min - Max)	
Reading/ELA	140	125	155		135	120	150
Math	60	60	75		60	60	75
Acceleration Block (ELA / Math)	30	20	40		30	20	40
<b>Science / Social Studies</b>	30	30	45		<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	60
SEL / Morning Meetings / Closing Meeting	20	15	30		20	15	30
<i>TOTAL Classroom Teacher Minutes</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>345</i>		<i>280</i>	<i>245</i>	<i>355</i>
Physical Education	20	20	20		20	20	20
Fine Arts/Specials	40	40	40		40	40	40
Lunch/Recess	50	50	50		50	50	50
<i>TOTAL Other Minutes</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>110</i>		<i>110</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>110</i>
Total Minutes	390	360	460		390	355	470

SY23-24

Guidelines (Monolingual) SY 2023-24	K-2				3-5		
	Typical	Range (Min - Max)			Typical	Range (Min - Max)	
Reading/ELA	140	130	150		120	110	130
Math	60	60	75		60	60	75
Acceleration/WIN Block (ELA / Math)	30	20	40		30	20	40
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Fine Arts/Specials	40	40	40		40	40	40
Lunch/Recess	50	50	50		50	50	50
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Total Minutes	390	365	450		390	355	445



## Sustainability

- **Learning in Places:**
  - Bi-weekly partnership meetings with NU
  - Spring family & community-based organization co-design
  - Family Nights: Fall, Winter, Spring
  - 2024 Summer Summit for D65 Educators (PreK-8)
  - Year 2 Cohort for D65 Educators (PreK-8)
  - Year 3: integrated into D65 Curriculum
- **Climate Action Unit:**
  - Complete the 7th Grade inquiry to informed action supplement and incorporate it into our science curriculum (Summer 2024)
  - Plan student Climate Action showcase (SY24-25)
- **Science Minutes:**
  - K-2: During the instructional materials adoption process we will know how many minutes to include in the district's guidance.
  - K-5: Work with cross-content directors to develop realistic sample schedules with school leader, coach, and educator input.

## D65 Parent University

### Partnership with D65 Family and Community Relations

### Hosted 3-Part Fall Series

### Presentations



— EVANSTON/SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 65 —  
**PARENT UNIVERSITY**

## Get Ready for the Sustainability Series!

Learn more about District 65's sustainability efforts

Socialize and light dinner 5:30pm - 6:00pm

Program begins at 6:00pm

Attend one or all sessions, light Dinner and Childcare available

Sign up [here](#)

Date	Topic	Location	Guest Speakers
September 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lunchroom Composting &amp; Recycling</li><li>What caregivers can do at home</li></ul>	JEH Administrative Building Boardroom 1500 McDaniel Ave	Brian Zimmerman, City of Evanston Solid Waste Coordinator
October 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School Gardening and Native Plants</li><li>Tour of Butterfly and School Garden</li></ul>	Chute Middle School Cafeteria 1400 Oakton Street	Wendy Mohrenweiser, Chute Green STEAM Club Educator
October 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Outdoor Place Based Family Learning</li></ul>	Dawes Elementary School Library 440 Dodge Ave	D65 Educators and Students  Dr. Shirin Vossoughi and Dr. Megan Bang, Learning in Places

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# D65 Parent University and Learning in Places: Winter



— EVANSTON/SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 65 —  
**PARENT UNIVERSITY**



**LEARNING IN PLACES EVENT**

**FEBRUARY 28 2024**

5:30 pm – 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Bessie Rhodes School  
of Global Studies  
3701 Davis Street  
Skokie, IL 60076



REGISTER HERE



**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Guest Speakers**

**Dr. Megan Bang and  
Dr. Shirin Vossoughi**

Join us for a family friendly  
event to learn about outdoor  
place based learning !  
Bring warm clothing for an  
outdoor walk!

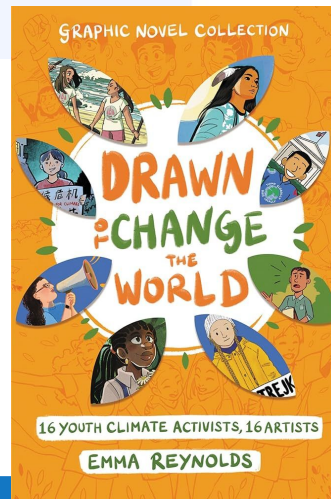
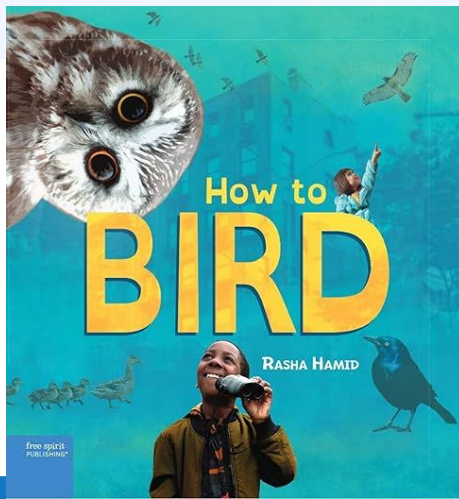
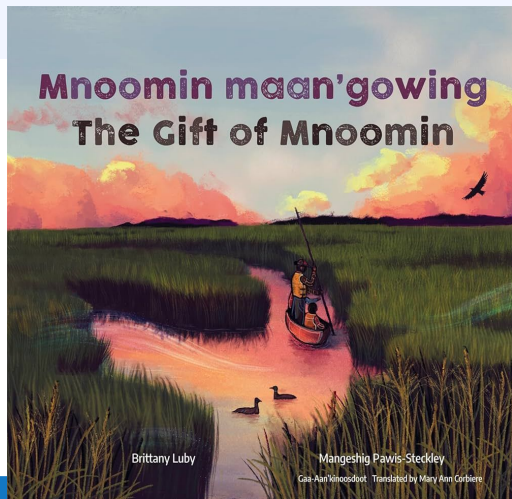
Light snacks 5:30pm – 6:00pm  
Program 6:00–7:00pm

**February 28, 2024: Outdoor Place Based Family Learning Presentation**



# Blueberry Awards Evanston Public Library

Inspiring books that strengthen kids'  
connections with nature and fosters  
action for the planet.



[Check out the 2023  
Blueberry Awards  
Book List!](#)

# Students Engaging in D65 School Gardens



In the Fall 2023, engaged with D65 School Garden Community via a community survey to learn how students are currently engaging in our D65 school gardens. This community feedback was used as a starting point to “explore ways to deepen opportunities for students to engage in D65 school gardens.”

## [Survey Results and Key Takeaways / Next Steps](#)





# Celebrating Earth Month at District 65



Check out:  
[2024 Earth Month  
Activities](#) (Padlet)

[Climate action projects](#) at  
8 Schools (Rhodes, Chute,  
Dawes, Dewey,  
Lincolnwood, Nichols,  
Oakton, Orrington)

Encouraging D65 Educators to  
share these [google slides](#) with  
their classrooms daily during  
Earth Week (April 22-26)

[Earth Day Morning Announcements](#)



# Cheers to D65 Climate Clubs

## Haven Middle School Club Tree'd 6th - 8th Graders

Lead by: Katrina Wilcox



Jane Goodall's  
**Roots & Shoots**

## Dewey Elementary Roots & Shoots Club 3rd - 5th Graders

Stopped this year :(



## Nichols Middle School Climate Club 6th - 8th Graders

Lead by: Alexa Sorock,  
Social Studies Teacher



## Chute Middle School Green STEAM Club 6th - 8th Graders

Lead by:

- Wendy Mohrenweiser, Special Ed Teacher
- Dana Salazar, Special Ed Teacher
- Valantina Basue, Math Teacher
- Claire Hiller, Science Teacher
- Jennifer Maillis, Bilingual Teacher



# Chute Green STEAM Club Highlights



- ★ At the PTA Back to School Night, we greeted parents and offered kale and chard for them to take. We spoke to families about Chute's garden and how to cook the greens.
- ★ Participated in the Trash or Treasure candy wrapper recycling collection in the fall.
- ★ Propagated plants with water bottles.
- ★ Tie dyed and screen printed t-shirts.



# Superintendent Student Advisory Committee



Engaged with D65 Student Leaders via Superintendent Student Advisory Committee.

- ★ March 2024 presentation ([Sustainability Solutions in our Schools](#)) and student [idea sharing](#).
- ★ May 2024 End of Year Celebration: How to Plant a Seed Activity and Composting & recycling.





# Shout Out: Nichols 8th Graders



Nichols 8th grade Media Arts classes who created infographic posters about recycling, composting and climate change. Ms Nava's homeroom students created two bulletin board displays on the first floor at Nichols in honor of Earth Day.



# Shout Out: Walker School Garden



Visit [Walker's school garden page on Instagram](#) to see all the amazing work happening!



The Walker school garden is sporting a new raised bed dedicated to the [@books\\_breakfast\\_d65](#) crew! Thanks to community volunteers, Bob (the Builder) and Susan Scholtes (B&B volunteer) and Walker PTA for making this dream happen! We started this conversation almost 3 years ago - building raised garden beds for the school and for Books and Breakfast. A great opportunity to create synergy with reading and experiential & sensory learning opportunities outdoors. Plants! Soil! Garden herb/veggie tasting! Flower sniffing! Wooooorrms! Bird Watching! Nature! Oh, and breakfast!



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[#evanstongarden](#) [#skokiegarden](#) [#natureeducator](#)



# Waste & Circularity

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23-24 School Year Positive Impact



# Uplifting Student Voices: Composting & Recycling



Meet Imani affectionately known as  
“Miss Compost” [Video](#)



D65 Lunchroom Composting and Recycling Video:  
[English](#) and [Spanish](#)

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# Composta y Reciclaje en las Cafeterías del D65

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en 16 escuelas	compostados	compostadas

# Lunchroom Composting & Recycling at D65

23-24 SCHOOL YEAR POSITIVE IMPACT



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Equals



204,915 lbs.  
Composted  
Waste  
(102 tons)

~ 17 African  
Elephants

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~ 17 elefante  
africano



# Lunchroom Composting & Recycling at D65

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**378,995**  
Trays Stacked,  
Composted

**=**  
**Equals**



**~ 4.1 Sears Towers,**  
total height of  
trays stacked

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# Lunchroom Composting & Recycling at D65

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**Equals**



**66.4 Metric Tons of  
Carbon Emissions  
Avoided by  
Composting instead  
of Landfilling**

**~1098 Tree  
Seedlings  
growing for 10  
Years**

# Composta y Reciclaje en las Cafeterías del D65

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**es igual a**



**66.4 toneladas  
métricas de emisiones  
de carbono evitadas  
por el compostaje en  
lugar del vertido**

**~1098 Plántulas  
de árboles que  
crecen durante  
10 años**

# Reducing single use plastics for student lunches



Kudos to our Nutrition Services team this school year rolling out a few key sustainability initiatives including:

- Bringing back the bulk food carts in our schools after COVID. Benefits include more fruit and veggie choices for our students, increasing student choice in what they'd like for lunch therefore reducing food waste and packaging.
- Introducing reusable silverware at our JEH Early Childhood Center, including installation of a commercial dishwasher in the kitchen.
- Partnering with ETHS to purchase bulk items when possible as we strive to reduce packaging.



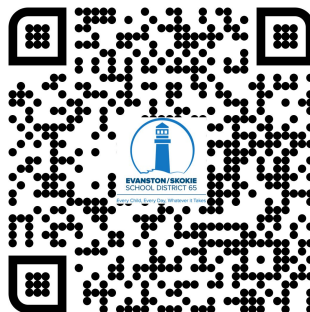




# Let's Recycle Better Together!



## Rolled Out Recycling Improvements for Earth Month



[D65 Recycling Website:](#)  
Resource & Learning Hub

Scan to learn more.

# New classroom/office signs in celebration of Earth Month.



## Recycling / Reciclaje



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YES Clean paper/sí papel limpio  
YES Cardboard (flattened)/sí carton (aplanado)



YES Plastics/Plásticos #1-5, Metal and  
milk carton/sí carton de leche  
**MUST BE EMPTY with caps on/  
Debe estar vacío con tapas**



NO masks/  
Sin  
mascarillas



NO tissues/  
Sin pañuelos



NO food or  
liquids/  
Sin comida ni  
líquidos



NO plastic  
bags/Sin bolsas  
de plástico



NO pencil  
shavings/  
Sin virutas  
de lápiz



NO  
wrappers/  
Sin  
envoltorios

## Landfill / Basura



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Wrappers/Envoltorios



Plastic bags and utensils/  
Bolsas y utensilios de plástico



Dried glue sticks/  
Barras de pegamento seco



Masks and tissues/  
Mascarillas y pañuelos



Pouches and liquid/Bolsas y líquido  
#6 Plastics/#6 Plásticos



Broken pencils, dry pens and  
markers/Lápices rotos,  
bolígrafos secos y marcadores

Food/  
Comida



Pencil shavings/  
Virutas de lápiz



Paper towels/  
Toallas de papel

Compost in the lunchroom / compost en el comedor

Delivered to Staff mailboxes, 3000+ signs printed on SFI paper in reusable plastic sleeves.

# Recycling Improvements rolled out to all Schools



1. New [Recycling & Landfill signage](#) for all classrooms / offices by April 19.
2. Launched a new [School Recycling Website](#): learning & resource hub for our schools.
3. Encouraging Educators to share [new recycling learning resources](#) with their classrooms by the end of April and beyond.
4. Encourage morning announcements: [School Recycling](#) and [Earth Day](#).
5. Sharing [recycling resources](#) with Staff.



# Recycling Collection in our Schools



1. Encouraging schools to pilot the “[student recycling dance](#)” in April, in hopes of streamlining recycling collection and engaging our students in recycling efforts in our schools.
2. Piloting 2 [tandem dollies](#) at JEH with SWANCC grant funding, in hopes of streamlining recycling and trash collection by custodians. [Kudos Corner from SWANCC \(end of newsletter\)](#). Welcome suggestions for grant funding to purchase 50+ more for our schools.





# Recycling Truck Art Design Competition



Congrats to Isabel, 7th Grader at Chute! 2023 Winner





# D65 Student's Poster featured at Beach Litter Stations



Congrats to Liyana R,  
8th Grader at Chute for  
designing this Save our Lake  
poster featured by the City  
of Evanston at the new  
beach litter stations.





# D65 END OF SCHOOL CLEAN OUT

MAY 13 - JUNE 7

## 7 Participating Schools:

Chute, Dewey, Kingsley, Oakton, Orrington, Washington, Willard

**Success Story:** In 2023, Haven Middle School created multiple school supply swap closets that were so successful they are not participating in the 2024 end of year clean out but instead replenishing the supply closets while offsetting new school supply purchasing.



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**150**

Cajas y libros  
para el programa  
SCARCE



In partnership with Library Department, we created a new [process](#) for D65 librarians to weed out library books for donation or paper recycling.



Photo Credit: Kingsley Librarian, Ms VW's website.

# Trash or Treasure Candy Wrapper Recycling



This year after the Halloween treats were gobbled up, our D65 Schools saved empty candy wrappers from landfill and recycled them with Trash or Treasure Recycling boxes.

**Shout Out to our 8 Participating Buildings: Chute, JEH, Lincolnwood, Nichols, Oakton, Walker, Washington and the D65 Warehouse.**



# Shout Out: Oakton Fall Clothing Drive

Thanks to Ms  
Hutcherson  
and the 4th  
Grade Cougar  
Council



~ Oakton Sustainability &  
Evanston School Children's Clothing Association Presents ~

## *Fall* CLOTHING DRIVE

NOVEMBER 1ST THROUGH  
NOVEMBER 16TH

ESCCA ACCEPTS NEW OR GENTLY-USED 100% CLEAN WINTER SCHOOL CLOTHING  
AND OUTERWEAR FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-8 (SIZE KIDS 6 THROUGH ADULT XXL)

IF CLOTHING DONATIONS ARE NOT FEASIBLE, MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALSO  
WELCOME. THESE DONATIONS ARE USED FOR NEW CLOTHING AND SHOES THAT  
SUPPORT THE CHILDREN WHO BENEFIT FROM ESCCA SERVICES ANNUALLY

[HTTPS://ESCCA.APP.NEONCRM.COM/FORMS/DONATE](https://escca.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donate)



### ESCCA ACCEPTS

#### Outerwear:

Warm Winter Jacket, Spring/Fall Lightweight Jackets, Warm  
Vests and Snow Pants

#### Tops:

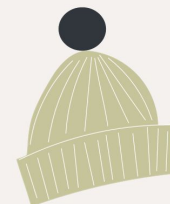
Hoodies/zip ups, long sleeve shirts, t-shirts, athletic shirts,  
sweatshirts, sweaters, fleece tops

#### Bottoms:

Sweatpants, Fleece pants, track pants  
joggers, leggings

#### Accessories:

Winter hats, gloves  
mittens, warm scarves





# Shout Out: Oakton Waste Wednesdays



Pick-up Trash around  
Oakton school  
grounds every  
Wednesday after  
school!

Up to 14 students  
and 8 adults joined in  
each week.



# Shout Out: Walker Trash and Garden Clean Up



On April 20th Walker held a trash cleanup and a garden cleanup. More than 30 children and adults helped beautify the school grounds.







# Energy & Transportation

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23-24 School Year Positive Impact

# US EPA Clean School Bus Program Grant



In 2024, US EPA Clean School Bus Program Awards awarded STA with \$12,187,254 for 32 all electric school buses for five school districts they're serving in Illinois and Wisconsin including District 65. As part of the grant award, D65 is potentially eligible for our students to be served by **five electric school buses**.

District 65 is still working through details with STA. Our District is excited about the opportunity for our students and community to have access to quiet, clean operating electric school buses and improved air quality.



# Efficient and Healthy Schools Campaign



## D65 joined in September 2023

The Efficient and Healthy Schools Program aims to engage K-12 schools to improve energy performance and indoor air quality, with a focus on practical solutions involving HVAC and other technologies to reduce energy use and carbon emissions. This program is led by the U.S. Department of Energy with technical support from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and New Buildings Institute.





## **LED Lighting Upgrades in D65 Schools Positive Impact Summer 2022 & 2023**

- Improved lighting levels for Students and Teachers
- Dimmable lighting options for Teachers
- 18% reduction in electricity used at our schools  
(2021 / 2022 vs 2023 calendar year)
- Saving 936 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>, equivalent to 182  
homes electricity use in one year





# Buildings & Grounds

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23-24 School Year Positive Impact

# 40 Trees Planted Fall 2023



EVANSTON/SKOKIE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 65

## 6 Trees Planted in Spring 2024

Due to cicada emergence in the Spring 2024, most schools deferred tree plantings to the Fall.

A big thank you to our  
Climate Action Teams,  
[Natural Habitat Evanston](#)  
and [Openland TreeKeepers](#)  
for planting new trees on  
our D65 school grounds!



Together, we've  
planted over  
185 trees since  
2018!





# Shout Out: Dawes Tree Planting in Fall 2023



Dawes added a white oak tree in the fall, thanks to Leslie Shad.  
The second graders participated in the planting and learned about oaks!





# 5th Ward School and Sustainability



## Continued commitment towards goal of LEED Silver Certification.

Our current (6/1/2024) program design includes budgeted allocations to cover the projected cost of certifying the building to meet LEED Silver certification. Since cost estimates have not been finalized to complete the school, certifying the building for LEED designation is not guaranteed at this point in time.



[Planned Sustainability Features](#) from 5th Ward School Design Open House on May 7, 2024

# 5th Ward School: Site Dedication



June 20, 2023

- ★ Recycling & Composting
- ★ Compostable Water Cups
- ★ Oak Tree Planting

Thanks to Chris Fedak, Coleen Martin and Casey, Kate Mason-Schultz for helping at the event!





# Water

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23-24 School Year Positive Impact

# Watering Best Practices: School Gardens & Grounds



In the Fall 2023, D65 drafted watering best practices and asking for community feedback via a survey from November to January,

Community feedback was incorporated and shared the final [D65 watering best practices](#) for our school gardens and grounds (trees, native plants).

The guidance is intended to balance watering with being good stewards of water usage and costs to the district.







# Growing our Community

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23-24 School Year Positive Impact

# D65 Sustainability Community Engagements



## D65 Sustainability Newsletters

Emailing monthly starting in November 2023 to D65 climate action and school garden communities (200+ people).



## D65 Climate Action Community Meetings

Hosted 3 community meetings this School Year - [presentations available here](#) (scroll down to bottom of the page, click on “Meetings” tab)

- ★ September 2023 (Fall)
- ★ January 2024 (Winter)
- ★ April 2024 (Spring)

# Ideas Garden: Sustainability and School Gardens



We asked for help to growing a digital garden of sustainability and school garden ideas for District 65. These ideas could us develop future focus areas & initiatives for climate action in our schools.

[Superintendent Student Advisory Committee \(Jamboard\): March 2024](#)

[Oakton 3rd Grade Students \(Jamboard\): Feb 2024](#)

[Staff / Community Ideas \(Jamboard\) for 23-24 School Year](#)



# D65 Sustainability & Garden Resources



Check out our library of D65 resources for sustainability and school gardens!

★ [Click Here](#)

★ Scan QR Code —>





# Growing our Community: Stay in Touch



## Join our Community Climate Action & School Gardens



All are welcome! Join and receive periodic updates on D65 sustainability happenings.

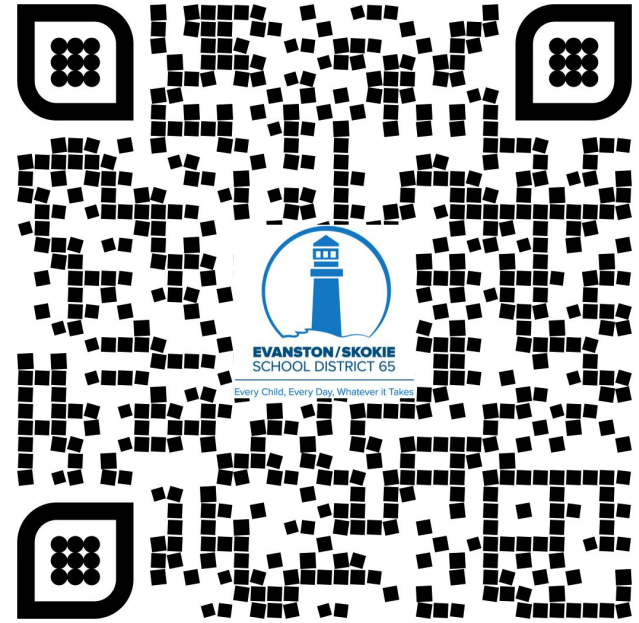


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**SCAN ME**

[Click here](#) or Scan QR Code to join one (or more) of our google groups.



Learn more about D65  
Sustainability Efforts!

[D65 Sustainability Website](#)



Thank You!  
Gracias!