



GREEN TEAM

MILK CARTON GARDEN PROJECT



Round 2 of the Milk Carton project! The Green team met last week and have decided on the design for the Milk Carton Garden project design. Kids have started planting seeds. The inner court yard has been selected for the garden project as the best possible location for presentation.

The Carton 2 Garden program as you can recall gives students the opportunity to repurpose milk and juice cartons to either build or enhance their school's garden. It's a hands-on experience creating teachable moments on environmental stewardship, sustainable packaging, and healthy living. The first 100 schools to complete all elements of the entry form and successfully submit their entry will receive a \$ 30 gift card to the Gardening with Kids Shop online. The best use of cartons in a school garden gives the team a chance to win a prize for their school valued up to \$ 5,000. Entries for the contest are due Wednesday,



April 13, 2016.

RECYCLE BRIGADE PROJECT



LETS CLEAN UP!!! Terracycle project is moving along fine. We have collected some more items but we need all families as well as staff to participate. As you should all know the school website has all the information pertaining to the Terracycle Brigade products. You can find these items in the Donate section of the PS 198 website. Once you click you will see interactive photo album of all the items (wrappers or pouches) that the Green Team is collecting. One additional exciting news to share with all is that if we collect 120-150 of the GoGo yogurt pouches and ship it out before the end of March the school will get 2000 points. We are hoping everyone will join us in this exciting event and help us ship out our first brigade item. We thank everyone in advance for their participation.

ENERGY CHALLENGE



TIME TO SAVE SOME ENERGY!!! The Energy Challenge is a four month (December 2015 through March 2016) competition among schools that are participating in the Green Design Lab to reduce their electricity usage.

The following are the updated information we have in regards to energy usage. According to Con Edison, the average usage for the last 2 years was 36,000. The kilowatt (kWh) usage for 2014-2015 was 34,000. The percentage change of energy usage for the month of January 2015 was -7.1%. Since PS198M took part in the Energy challenge project the school has reduced energy usage about 2 %, which means that we need to save more energy and use less electricity. We have to keep in mind that there is construction work that is being done within the school grounds and that is affecting the energy usage. We are doing our best to conserve energy. Let's keep up the good work!

The challenge is being sponsored by the New York City Department of Education (DOE) Sustainability Initiative and Solar One. Green Design Lab (GDL) works with students, teachers, custodians and administrators to reduce energy use and promote sustainable schools.