



Tennessee Temple Academy Recycle Newspaper: Have an old fashioned paper drive

Did you know 38.2 percent of our total waste is from paper and paperboard?

When I was little, I remember helping my Dad haul all of our collected newspapers to the neighborhood school every few months for a paper drive. I wonder why we don't see paper drives as much anymore. Well there is nothing that says we can't bring back this great tradition, recycle newspapers, raise a bit of money for our school, and help the environment in the process. Yesterday's old paper can soon be tomorrow's news.

Our Coordinator for the Paper Drive is Angela Voigt, who lives in Highland Park and is involved in the neighborhood association. Those of you reading this article who are environmental in nature, please email or call her to see how you can assist in this community project. We will be coming up with some exciting ways to help communicate our recycling program in the coming weeks.

The official kick-off will occur on October 27th. This will be a year-round fundraiser and community program for our school. The recycle container is located in the grassy area across from the high school at the intersection of Bailey Avenue and Hawthorne Street. The container is open everyday but we are placing an emphasis on Fridays with the slogan, ***Bring your children and your paper recyclables.***

Our goal for our first year is to collect 500,000 pounds! The monies raised will be used to purchase technology materials for our classrooms.

We will need to make sure everyone in our area knows to recycle newspapers and support our drive: flyers, posters around town (groceries and drugstores often have community bulletin boards to post this type of information), church bulletins, school flyers, phone calls, word of mouth, and any other creative method we can come up with. One idea is to ask our parents to contact the business they work at and ask to "haul off" their paper waste. One school in town has the Memorial Hospital and TVA account. Imagine how many tens of thousands of pounds a week just those two accounts generate. If it is a large enough account then we can arrange for a recycle bin to be placed at the business. Another idea is to approach your local church and ask to place a recycle bin at the church.

Here are items that are not accepted as paper recyclables.

- Magazines
- Cardboard

Otherwise any paper product such as newspapers, junk mail, envelopes, copier paper, letters, envelopes, notebook paper can be donated.

For more information and to find out how you can get involved please contact Angela Voigt at Avoigt@tntempleacademy.com or call her at 423-493-4337.