

Joseph R. Dawe Jr. Elementary School  
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Dear Staff, Parents/Guardians, and Students,

Throughout the year both Ms. Norcott's and Mrs. Leahy's classes have been working on a project to bring a recycling program to the Dawe School. With the growing effects of pollution, the students in our classrooms felt a need to help protect our environment. After researching the effects of global warming and possible options for recycling, the students created a proposal, which was submitted to Mr. Barner. Mr. Barner accepted the proposal and our recycling program is already under way.

Not only is the new recycling program a benefit to our environment, it will also be of benefit to our school. Abitibi is a non-profit paper retriever company, which offers its services to schools, churches and other non-profit organizations. Abitibi processes the recycled paper into newsprint and distributes it back to local newspaper companies. There is no charge to the school for the bin or service. In fact Abitibi can be used as a fundraising opportunity, because they will pay participants according to the amount of tonnage in the bin each month. The more paper in the recycling bin the more money Abitibi will pay to the school.

Abitibi encourages the entire community to become involved. The large yellow bin that has been placed in the front of the school towards the front of the driveway, is for all members of the community to use. Again, the more paper we collect the more money that will be donated to our school, so we encourage students and parents to begin recycling their papers from home as well using the Abitibi bin. Each bin location must generate a minimum of two tons per month to sustain the program.

There are some requirements for what can be placed in the bin. Abitibi will only accept paper products. Acceptable types of paper include, newspapers, magazines, soft cover books, catalogs, junk mail, envelopes, greeting cards, office and school paper. Shredded paper should be placed in a "clear" plastic bag and condensed within the bag as much as possible. Items **not accepted** in the bin include, cardboard, cereal boxes, food cartons, wrappers or containers, phone books, tissues/paper towels, brown packing paper, plastic, glass, metal, or household trash.

We are very excited about our new recycling program. We feel strongly about our responsibility to protect the earth and are excited that in the process we can also provide for our school. We hope that you will join in our efforts to improve our community and school.

Sincerely,

Ms. Norcott

Mrs. Leahy