

TLCA ROUNDUP: Charter school takes on recycling

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SAN ANGELO, Texas — Are you worried about our planet? Well. TLC Academy students are!

Texas Leadership Charter Academy has decided to "go green" by recycling. TLCA has two teams, the Green Beans, made up of kindergartners through fifth-graders, and the Jolly Green Giants, which are sixth-graders. Both of the teams have been collecting paper, plastic, cans and cardboard. We are all putting in to the effort to recycle, because we think that our planet needs to be taken care of and we are also trying to encourage other schools to recycle.

I interviewed two TLCA students, our math teacher, Mr. Dave Lewis, and our assistant principal, Mrs. Wendy Davis. When we first appeared on the scene, there was a mess everywhere. It was chaotic. There was trash everywhere, students were everywhere helping each other. I thought it was great teamwork.

The first person I interviewed was Hannah Hackleton of the sixth-grade Jolly Green Giants. When asked why she thought it was important to recycle, she said, "I think we all need to recycle because we only have one home and we need to take care of it, you know?" Hackleton also told us the process of recycling at TLC Academy: "First we go and get everything from each grade level, then we separate it into four groups and bag it. Then, last but not least, Butt's Recycling comes and picks it up."

I then got the scoop from Mr. Lewis, the leader for the Jolly Green Giants. He told me that he collects the cans from the recycling boxes so that he can purchase the plastic bags needed for storing the recycled items. Lewis also told me that from their three weeks of recycling they have already collected over 700 pounds of recycled items. Way to go TLCA!

Mrs. Davis is very pleased with what the whole campus has accomplished in so little time.

"I am really glad our campus has done all this. I am pleased with what I have seen during these three weeks. I hope that other campuses that visit our school get the idea to recycle," Mrs. Davis said.

She also told us that recycling to her is so important because she thinks we all need to help our environment. It is everything we need and have.

Fourth-graders are also getting into recycling just as much as sixth-graders. Dree Davis, a fourth-grader, told me, "I recycle water bottles and cardboard boxes because my family and I think that it is important to help our one and only earth."

Dree Davis' homeroom teacher told us that Davis has brought the most items in her homeroom class. Good job Dree! Keep up the good work!

The point here is that we ALL need to recycle and help our planet. The Jolly Green Giants have put in so much hard work and dedication into helping our planet. Thank you guys for everything you have done. We are all extremely thankful!

The Melrose Campus has recently started collecting used ink cartridges and cellphones. The cellphones do not need to be in working order, so come by and drop those old items off. Thank you for supporting TLC Academy in their endeavor to save the planet!



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