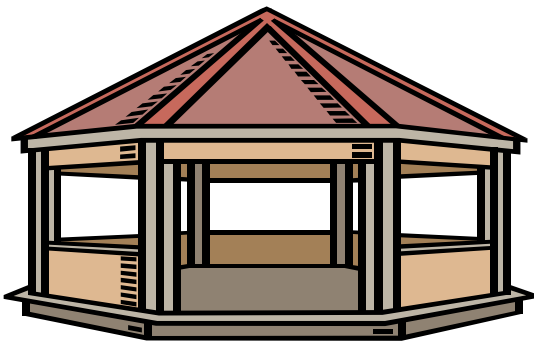


Recycling News

First of all, thank you to everyone who recycled last year. We are still waiting for Evergreen Recycling to provide a statement reflecting the exact amount of revenue generated from your recycling efforts during 2008-2009. Our Environment Committee estimates the final amount to be between \$17 000.00-\$18 000.00. To date approximately \$17 899.84 has been spent: \$13 000.00 for the new playground structure, \$3 500.00 for elementary classroom resources and \$1399.84 for student incentives and prizes.



With the proceeds of this year's recycling, during the spring of 2010 the Environment Committee plans to purchase and install a 9 meter X 9 meter outdoor classroom. (Of course, it will be much bigger and nicer than the one pictured here!) This outdoor classroom will be used by all students from Kindergarten to grade 6. The committee also hopes to improve the paved area next to the primary field and install basketball nets which we know will appeal to our students in grades 3-6. Any remaining revenues will be used for minor projects such as upgrading the soccer nets and purchasing high quality outdoor equipment such as durable and weather resistant basket and soccer balls.

How does our committee plan to meet their goals for the 2009-2010 year? The answer is simply that we can't achieve our objectives without the help of **every** family in the school. You can help by recycling regularly. Your options are: Saturday Recycling Contests on Sept. 19, November 21, January 23, March 20 and May 29; our weekly Thursday blitzes between 8:00-8:30 am.; dropping your recycling at Evergreen Recycling on Elizabeth Avenue and asking that the proceeds be credited to Mary Queen of Peace School's account.



VIP Our first contest of the year is this Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 am. - 12:00 noon at the student entrance of Mary Queen of Peace. Our September contest is traditionally our most successful of the year. Please try to make this our most successful Recycling Contest ever! In addition to helping us meet the Environment Committee's goals, participating will raise environmental awareness and present students with a great opportunity to win great prizes at our Recycling Assembly in June.

Now that our Environment Committee has long term goals for the revenue generated from recycling, we know we can rely on your help. Please recycle and help our committee make improvements to the grounds and play areas regularly used by all students.

