

Hello Green Teamers!

Well, another month has slipped by us - time really does fly when you're having fun! This month we have been busily preparing our garden for the coming winter season by pruning, weeding and removing a lot of debris. It will also help us get ready for our cold crops like the lettuces, bok choy, and carrots that we plan to plant soon. Did you know that sunflower heads always face east in the morning but end the day facing west? It actually moves in a 180 degree arc tracking the sun but resets itself back to east by morning. However, once they are in full bloom, they stay fixed in the east facing direction. Amazing! After all the months of enjoying their bright blooms, the sunflowers have wilted and dried leaving us another surprise- sunflower seeds! We harvested them from the withered flower heads and came up with lots of fresh, tasty seeds. They were soft and delicately flavored but we plan to roast them and sample again to see which we like best. We'll keep you posted....

This month we, along with the rest of the nation, celebrated America Recycles Day on November 15th. We asked kids to bring in gently used games, books, and puzzles to stock our recess time game room. What a collection we received! The kids were so excited to see the mountain of fun things they will soon be enjoying with their friends. As a bonus, every child that brought a toy received a treat and lottery ticket into our Jamba Juice gift card drawing. Here are the lucky winners selected by our very own PTA President, Laurie Whiteland:

Kindergarten- **Niharika Naik**  
2nd grade-**Hannah Walder**  
3rd grade-**Erin Chin**  
4th grade-**Johnny Walder**

5th grade-**David Azuma**  
\*4th grade-**Kyle Bautista**  
(\*random drawing since we had no 1st grade entries)

Congratulations everyone and thank you to all who contributed items- they will be reused, recycled and mostly, loved by all!

Friday the 9th was our ever popular December Green Team Kids meeting! We made a bird-edible outdoor tree ornament in room 29 during lunch recess. Thanks to all the parent helper!

Another exciting event we are pleased to sponsor is the **Wednesday December 14th** screening of the movie **Dirt!** in our MPR from **6pm-8pm**. This documentary shows us the importance of healthy dirt and its profound impact on the health, stability, and prosperity of nations as well as the negative consequences we encounter when we lose our connection to the earth. All Fairlands families are invited and students are encouraged to attend as Mrs. Holder our Science Specialist, may be offering a **surprise extra credit opportunity**- but shhh, you didn't hear it from me! We will also have an **expert panel to answer questions** at the end of the movie as well as a **free lottery drawing** for a great prize. **Complimentary beverages** will be served and **light snacks will be available for sale**. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to help with this event, we would love to hear from you. Please email me at **beanpatch@sbcglobal.net** or Lori Bautista at **lori.bautista@pacbell.net**

So that's all for now, hope to see you soon at the movie showing!

Best Green Wishes,

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