

"One man's trash is another man's treasure!"

The mission of Hagen Road Elementary Green Schools is to challenge the students and community to create a sustainable region through educational experiences that transform school environments. The vision is that Hagen Road Elementary will teach, model, and practice environmental sustainability, serving as an example for changes throughout the community.

Since Hagen Road elementary School opened its doors in 2008, staff and students have worked collaboratively to raise environmental awareness, improve stewardship, and reduce our school's ecological footprint. In 2011, the Green Club started documenting the efforts of students and staff, which resulted in our first Green School Certification in 2012. The Environmental Club has continued to work with the Hagen Road Elementary school community to continue their mission.

The Environmental Club has taken a special interest in reduce, recycle and reuse.

Hagen Road Elementary was built with motion-censored lighting to reduce energy consumption. Electrical switches with "torn it off" reminders stickers are found throughout the School and motion-censored faucets in student bathrooms to reduce water consumption and lighting with motion-censors and the types of light bulbs used throughout the building to promote energy conservation. Computers, monitors, beverage and snack machines and other electronic items have been set to timers so that they are shut-off over night.

Hagen Road Elementary School continues to raise environmental awareness through various curriculums. Throughout the Environmental Art, Social Studies, Language Art and Science curriculums,

students focus on Earth's resources, how humans have affected those resources and how we can conserve those resources.

In addition, we continually strive to incorporate environmental learning across curriculums and enhance student learning through staff attendance at community workshops and professional development.

Community partners have been essential in the development of student programs at Hagen Road Elementary School and successful completion of projects.

Narrative Summary and Documentation

- I. School Grounds Enhancement/Green Club: The goal of The Environmental Club is to raise students, staff, and community awareness of human impacts on our environment. The Beautification of our school allowed many classes, organizations, and community members to enjoy outdoor experiences. All students participate in keep our school clean. We emphasize that small lifestyle changes can improve quality of life through promotion of a healthier environment for both humans and natural ecosystems.

We started to planning our garden for the spring of 2015. Over the winter, one of our neighboring Nurseries, offered to donate plants for our Butterfly Garden. Volunteers, Frank Ganley and Breadon Lynn are helping us with the drawings, and with the drawings, we will begin to work on the garden this spring.

- II. School Sustainability/Green Club: Reduce, reuse, recycle: what's it all about? Teaching Green's will teach kids that the best way to protect the environment - to reduce air and water