

GREEN SCHOOL INITIATIVE

Over the years many people both in the community and within District 65 have been instrumental in helping create greener schools in our community. This past fall KEB, in collaboration with Evanston-Skokie School District 65, launched the Green School Initiative. This effort is about renewing our commitment to waste reduction and recycling as well as support for school gardens. So it is that we gathered together this past fall key players in this undertaking to look at how we might be more effective in our efforts particularly in recycling.

Karen Evans, District 65 Teacher Center Coordinator, is providing the creative leadership for this initiative in the schools. With her help, KEB planned and met with four groups. GROOT who is responsible for recyclable collection in the schools agreed to provide monthly reports to the school district on how much is collected at each school. With the Principals we reviewed procedures and roles within the school and the importance of identifying recycling coordinators in each school. Don Stevenson and the School Custodians gave us an enthusiastic welcome and brainstormed and shared ideas on what worked and didn't in their individual schools. The PTA Council provided time for us to meet with them and discuss how more recycling can be incorporated into school events.

In the months ahead, we expect to see our efforts paying off as we remove more recyclables from the garbage stream. A list of recycling coordinators in the individual schools can be found elsewhere on this site. Pertinent questions can be referred to them and general ones to the KEB office.

VERMI-COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

On February 8th from 3:45-5:15 the Education Committee of KEB will host a workshop on vermicomposting. Participating schools will each receive a kit for composting in the classroom. Contact the KEB office at 847-864-5181, x 105 if you would like to participate.