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Lincoln Recycling Club Makes a Difference

The Lincoln Elementary Recycling Club in DeKalb is making their school a better place, one pop can at a time. The Recycling Club, made up of the entire fourth grade at Lincoln, organizes the recycling of soft drink cans and classroom paper and also sponsors a waste-free lunch day once a month.

Students throughout Lincoln collect soft drink cans. Once a month fourth grade students sort and rebag the cans which are then taken by parents to DIMCO to be



recycled. In October, the students earned a record amount from their can recycling effort – \$400 in a single month. Funds raised from can recycling are used to purchase



improvements for the school, some of which can be enjoyed by the entire neighborhood. Since 1998 the Recycling Club has purchased a number of trees, some as tall as 25 feet, that are planted on school grounds. The club has also

purchased playground equipment, benches, rugs and desks.

Additional funds are generated from grants. For the second year in a row, club advisors Gale Horn and Debbie Prellwitz have been awarded a DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District Arbor Day Mini Grant for their project “A CAN can make a TREEmendous difference.” The City of DeKalb will also be donating trees for the school playground this year.

“Lincoln students and the surrounding community are so fortunate to have energetic Recycling Club members and dedicated advisors in Mrs. Horn and Ms. Prellwitz,” said Cristy Meyer, Lincoln principal. “Our beautiful grounds and park-like atmosphere are credited to their efforts with the support of PTA and the DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District. Thanks to all!”

In addition to can recycling, every day Lincoln fourth graders collect blue paper recycling bins from each classroom and consolidate the paper for recycling by Waste Management. They also sponsor a monthly waste-free lunch day. Students are encouraged to bring lunches in reusable containers. The class with the greatest percentage of waste-free lunches wins a H.O.P.E. (Help Our Planet Earth) trophy which is made of recycled materials.