

WLS Garden Project

For Earth Day 2008, a beautiful garden and art mural was designed and implemented by the Kindergarten parents in the area behind the Kindergarten classrooms. We encourage all our students and families to visit the garden. The plantings currently feature a literal rainbow of flowers. Vegetables will be planted in the next phase.

Proceeds from the KOG Recycling Program will fund additional gardens as our school's remodeling project progresses. Students will have the hands on opportunity to be involved in and learn about sustainable plant life and water usage through these beautiful gardens.

We encourage parent participation in all of our Keen on Green activities. If you would like to help, or if you have ideas to share, please contact Stephanie Schleicher at: stephschleicher@ca.rr.com.



KEEN ON GREEN

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The WLS "I'm in" to being green Pledge

I'm in because I care about our planet and its ability to sustain life for future generations

I'm in to support clean energy and green alternatives

I'm in to practice ways to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

I'm in to visualize positive change for our planet and our communities and to share that vision with everyone I meet

I'm in to lead the global community by example through my own thoughtful action

I'm in to live in harmony with the Earth, our only home

I'm in to being a good steward of God and to love and care for all His Creations

We initiated the Westchester Lutheran School "Keen on Green Program" to create greater action, awareness, and responsibility on campus to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Our students, faculty, and families have embraced our recycling program and a growing number of measures to conserve resources.

WLS is committed to reducing school paper usage, phasing in electronic communication through our "E-Envelope" on our wlcs.org website. In addition, our campus recycling program currently accepts plastic, aluminum, batteries, and ink cartridges. We are working toward expanding the program to include cardboard and paper products as well.

To support energy conservation, families receive service hours for carpooling, walking, or riding their bikes to school.

To encourage "green scholarship," information is distributed regularly for: community recycling centers for household waste, water and energy efficiency tips, green consumption, and ideas to embrace the preservation of natural resources and sustainable energy sources.

10 Green Tips

1. Replace your incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lights (CFLs).
2. Turn down the hot water heater to 130° F.
3. Turn down the thermostat 3° in the winter and up 3° in the summer.
4. Purchase Energy Star™ labeled appliances.
5. Wash and rinse laundry and dishes in cold water.
6. Check your car tires for proper air pressure to maximize mileage.
7. Buy locally produced meats and produce.
8. Drink water from reusable glassware whenever possible.
9. Walk, bike, and carpool to school and work.
10. Reduce unwanted junk mail by getting off mailing lists.