

Ogden Elementary School

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In the fall of 2007, with the development of a PTA Environmental Committee, now called "The Green Team", parents and teachers at [Ogden Elementary](#) were able to begin the process of "going green". Ogden a school of approximately 700 K-5 students and the nearly 100 faculty and staff began recycling in the fall of 2007 with the help of [Green Coast Recycling](#). Before the recycling program was in place, Ogden Elementary was sending 2 seven cubic-foot dumpsters of trash to the landfill every day. By implementing a successful recycling program, the school has cut the amount of trash they send to the landfill by half!!

Earth Day at Ogden: April 22, 2008




The Green Team coordinated and successfully involved every student, teacher and staff member in an Earth Day celebration with the help of nearly 50 volunteers. There were several events that took place on Earth Day at Ogden Elementary, not one would have been possible without the wonderful support and encouragement of administration, faculty, staff, students and parents.

 **Earth Day Assembly:** Environmental Music by the 3rd graders, Keep America Beautiful of NHC: Lucy Reducy and Superboy Recycler, Art Contest winners presented with awards

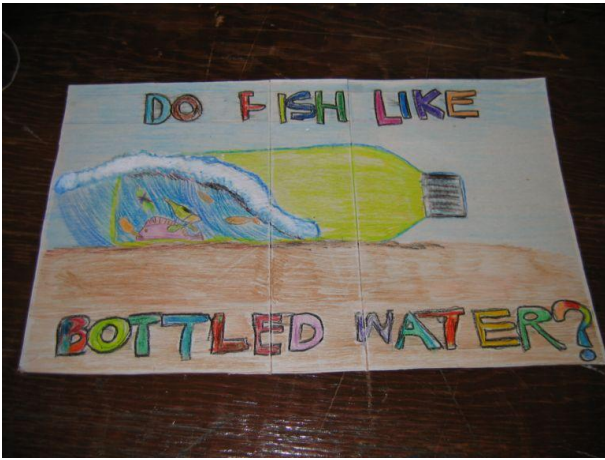
 **Outdoor Plantings:** Perennials, wild flower seeds, bean seeds in school milk cartons

- All plants and potting soil were donations by local businesses
- The week before Earth Day, school milk cartons were collected and rinsed out to prepare for 677 students to plant!

 **Waste-free lunch:** Lunch was [weighed](#) before Earth day and on Earth Day. The weights were compared and there was an overall waste reduction of 54% on Earth Day. Third grade students won a grade party with a 68% reduction in lunch waste.

- [Think Outside the Bottle](#) Campaign Stickers
- Prize drawing for each class for students who brought waste-free lunches
- School lunch served on biodegradable trays provided by Ogden PTA
- [Recycle Guys](#) tattoos & pencils for every student as door prizes





Earth Day Poster Contest: Overall


- Compostable lunch waste taken home by parent and school staff volunteers

 **Trashformations & Earth Day Poster Contests:**

Students were invited to create art from what would be trash or recycled.

- All judges were local artists
- All prizes were donations
- Reception at B&N Mayfaire for contest winners and 3rd Grade singing

 **Earth Day Grocery Bag Project:** In art class, students decorated grocery bags provided by Harris Teeter at Oak Landing. The bags were used to bag groceries at

 **Writing on Earth Day:** K-3 students wrote about one thing they could do to help the Earth, while grades 4 and 5 wrote thank you notes to Green Coast Recycling, The Ogden Green Team, and Custodial staff for making recycling and other “green” things a possibility at Ogden Elementary. www.stubbypencilstudio.com made and donated the Earth Day cards especially for Ogden.



Interested in learning more? Contact [Elisa Want](#) the Green Team's Chairperson.