

# Sustainability at PGE 🌍

*Pine Grove Elementary is proud to announce an array of sustainable practices:*

\* **Red Barn Recycling** - so far our community has donated over 2,000 pounds of clothes/shoes! The items are sent to areas in need in South America, Africa and Mexico. We receive 10 cents per pound that goes towards our sustainability budget, plus an additional amount if we win quarterly contests with other schools in the area. Thank you, keep it coming! <http://redapplerecycling.com/>

\* **Recycling your alkaline batteries** is now available at the school! At the main entrance there is a box for Terracycling. Simply put your old batteries in the box and when it is full we will ship it to Terracycling. We pre-pay for the box and shipping using sustainability funds. <http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/>

\* **No Idle Zone** signs are up! Here are five reasons why it is best to turn off the engine especially near children playing outside <http://nationswell.com/car-idle-damaging-to-environment-health-wallet/>

\* **Recycling garbage** at lunch - everyone is encouraged to participate in recycling and separating. Blue garbage containers in the lunchroom plus new signs to show what goes in the container are now up. Let's get together to do our part to help the planet and reduce greenhouse gases <http://www.recycling-guide.org.uk/importance.html>

\* **Garden expansion** now includes composting.

\* **Recycling your snack wrappers at lunch** is now available at the school. There is a box for Terracycling in the lunch room. They will take our trash and turn it into cool things like purses and wallets. We pre-pay for the box and shipping using sustainability funds. <http://www.terracyde.com/en-US/>

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