



News from the EDGE

A biannual publication designed to inform, educate, and to facilitate conversation at the dinner table!

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These last nine weeks will be packed with learning, discovery and community service! Our BIGGEST announcement is the participation of all EDGE students in the fifteenth annual **Earth Day Groceries Project!** The students at our school are decorating paper grocery bags with environmental messages. On Earth Day, April 22, these bags will be passed out (full of groceries) to shoppers at Publix in Riverside. Besides carrying an environmental message, each bag will also have the name of our school and some wonderful artwork. The people in our neighborhood will get a very clear and positive message that the students at our school care about their environment.

This is the eighteenth year this international educational effort has been coordinated on the Internet. Please see the project website at: <http://www.earthdaybags.org> for complete information. A report from our school will be added to the website, so others will know about the effort at our school. This is one of the largest and most well established educational projects on the Internet. It is a nonprofit, grassroots effort. The project started in 1994, with 43 schools reporting the decoration and distribution of 13,000 Earth Day Grocery Bags. In 1999, the number of schools reporting in reached nearly 1,200, with students decorating almost 400,000 Earth Day Grocery Bags! Every report from all the previous years is on the website. There are also thousands of pictures of schools from around the world involved in this project.

Check out the "Volunteer Opportunities" section of this newsletter to get involved!

Contact Miss David anytime!

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- All grade levels: Deliver our donated artwork from CRES to Riverside Publix April 18 - April 20.
- 5th Grade: Field Trip Chaperones
 - April 24 Burrell/Willis
 - May 1 McMillan

Great talking points for students at all grade levels:

- K: What are the three names for each attribute block?
- 1: Tell me the story of the raindrop's journey through the water cycle.
- 2: What is your favorite Brain Station and why?
- 3: What was your potato athlete's best event? What was its worst?
- 4: What are some characteristics of Haiku?
- 5: What on earth did you do with all of those cookies?