

Make a promise to our Earth. Let's say "Bye-Bye" to one time-use water bottles forever!

A Kids for Saving Earth Education to Action Program

The Problem: Did you know people worldwide are drinking more than \$100 billion dollars worth of throw away bottles of water each year? In the U.S. we buy more than 1/2 billion bottles of water per week. This is enough bottles to circle our Earth **FIVE TIMES**. The production of bottled water wastes energy, oil, and WATER. Unbelievably most empty water bottles are not recycled. In fact, 5 out of every 6 bottles end up in a landfill (garbage dump) or other places on Earth like oceans or riverways. So please don't use throw-away bottles unless clean water is not availabe.



In the U.S. government the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for keeping our drinking water safe. Find out about drinking water standards and even learn how to get YOUR drinking water tested! Click here to learn more. http://water.epa.gov/drink/local/

Too many people use one time use water bottles in our school.

Single use water bottle facts:

In the U.S. making bottles for water uses more than 17 million barrels of oil annually, enough to fuel 1.3 million cars for a year.

*Many brands of bottled water get their water from a faucet just like the one in your kitchen; nothing safer about it.

*Bottled water is EXPENSIVE! If you drank 8 glasses of water a day from your faucet for a year, it would cost 49¢. The same amount of water in throw-away bottles would cost \$1400.

*Teachers check out <u>The Story of Bottle Water.</u>

What can your school do?

Say no to bottled water! Make a loud speaker announcement asking kids to stop drinking bottled water. Do not sell bottled water. Install a **reusable water bottle** filling station. Most filling stations will tally how many bottles your school has diverted from the landfills. Sadly, kids world-wide drink too much water in throwaway bottles. Millions of bottles are polluting the Earth! www.kidsforsavingearth.org



Don't buy bottled

water!









Briar Grove Elementary School:

Briar Grove Elementary students and parents have done some wonderful things to help protect our Earth. They formed a Kids for Saving Earth Club and have worked hard to get bottled water out of school. They earned funds and also got a grant to help pay for the water "filling station" at their school. Check out their web site.

What can you do?

- 1. Stop using one time use bottled water and ask your parents stop buying it.
- 2. Carry a reusable water bottle which can be refilled over and over again. Ask friends and family to do the same. Many people work hard making sure our public water supply is safe to drink, so use the water in vour faucet.
- 3. Upcycle old plastic bottles into fun creations.
- 4. Print this KSE poster and post it where people can see it your school, grocery store, church, or apartment building.

Order a Kids for Saving Earth Promise to the Earth reusable bottle.

Read a book.

Below are some of our favorites.

Check these at your library or click to buy on line. If you order through Amazon be sure to sign up for Amazon Smile and choose Kids for Saving Earth as your charity. Each time you order on Amazon Smile a donation is made to Kids for Saving Earth.

The-Magic-School-Bus At the Waterworks The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle









