

Sensible Alternative to Valuable Excess

Quarterly Newsletter for **Recycling for RI Education:**
A Non-Profit Organization Providing Material Resources for Teachers and Other Educators



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Lovely Lunch!

The Recycle Center hosted its Annual Meeting and Volunteer Thank You Lunch on Friday, July 30, 2004 from 1:30pm until 3:30pm at the auditorium of the historic William H. Hall Free Library located at 1825 Broad Street in the Edgewood section of Cranston. The agenda included the election of Jackie Fitzgerald as a new member of the Board of Directors. Jackie previously served on the Gala 2004 Committee and volunteers during Open Days at the Recycle Center. Janet Keller, Chief of the Office of Strategic Planning & Policy for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management was the guest speaker. Her talk focused on the RIDEM's goal to create healthy communities by minimizing and recycling waste materials, a key topic from the RIDEM Strategic Plan. Approximately thirty-six staff, Board members and volunteers enjoyed sandwiches and cake while socializing and listening to speeches. Kathleen Fresher-Samways, Administrative Director and Dr. Robert DeRobbio, President of the Board discussed the past year and upcoming



Janet Keller of the
RIDEM making her
presentation.

OUR VISION: To encourage self-discovery by active participation in teaching and learning through creative experiences.

OUR MISSION: To encourage preservation of the environment by diverting clean, non-toxic, reusable excess inventory from the business community to educators and community organizations.

A grand total of 1966 lbs. of dividers were given away on Sat., August 14th & Sat., August 21st during the Great Divider Give-Away-Day! The Penny Social was also a great success! Keep your eye out for more upcoming special events!

NOTICE OF E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

Please add our new e-mail address, info@rrie.org, to your address book. Also, check out the "What's New" page on our website at www.rrie.org and learn first hand of products just in!

NEW ENTRANCE!!

Please note that the entrance to the Recycle Center has changed. Once you turn left out of the Spooner St. parking lot you will see the new entrance straight ahead. Just walk up the stairs and through the double doors, then through a metal door, and we will await your signature at the sign-in desk. You will exit through the former entrance next to the loading dock. Thanks to a grant from UPS, we will soon have a handicapped accessible ramp installed for ease of access for our members!

Remembering September 11th



To continue a living memorial to two victims of September 11th, Lynn Goodchild & Shawn Nassaney, pictured left, the Recycle Center is accepting donations of packaged, unopened undergarments, socks, and winter outerwear as well as mittens, scarves, and hats to be donated in their names to a local soup kitchen and homeless shelter. Donations will be accepted from September 11th until December 11th. We are also accepting donations of clean, new or slightly loved children's books to be donated to the same soup kitchen and homeless shelter. The homeless shelter plans to start a library while the soup kitchen would like each child to have a book of their very one.

OPEN DAYS

Wednesdays noon-4:30
Fridays 9am—1pm
Saturdays 9am—1pm

DAYS CLOSED

Saturday, September 4
Wed., November 24
Friday, November 26

Closed Friday, December 24
through Tuesday, January 4,
2005

**PARKING AVAILABLE IN
SPOONER ST. LOT**

**LOADING DOCK AREA FOR
PICK UP ONLY
NO PARKING AT
LOADING DOCK!!!**

WILD WILD WEST IN THE WOODS OF SOUTH COUNTY



Camping and other outdoor activities are an integral part of Scouting. In the opinion of the Boy Scouts of America, it is impossible to enjoy the full benefits of the Scouting program without attending Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub Resident Camp, Boy Scout Summer Camp, Venturing Camp, or taking part in a High Adventure Activity.

Wild Coyote Ranch was the substitute name for the Boy Scouts of America, Narragansett Council's week-long summer camp for Cub Scouts at Camp Aquapaug off Ministerial Road in Kingston, RI. The theme for camp this year was "The Wild Wild West" (NO guns, NO Cowboys vs. Indians references allowed!) Some of the crafts/projects included: Armadillo craft, Covered Wagon craft, Ghost Town obstacle course, Morse Code lesson, Lizard craft, Leather craft,

Blacksmith demonstration, and a Buttermilk lesson. In addition, the Recycle Center provided enough supplies for 250 Cub Scouts to make dream catchers. Some of the Scouts can be seen pictured to the left displaying their finished project! For more information about Scout camps, please see their website at <http://www.narragansettbsa.org/daycamp>.

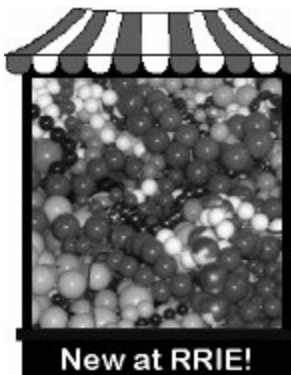
Employment Opportunity: Floor Supervisor

TITLE: Floor Supervisor HOURS: Part Time 20 hours per week

DESCRIPTION: The individual filling this position will supervise and manage a 7000-square-foot warehouse/distribution center. He/she will communicate effectively with a number of staff, member volunteers and volunteers participating in a therapeutic rehabilitation program on site. He/she will manage the flow of materials from the warehouse to the distribution floor--prepare, organize and display materials for maximum distribution. He/she will maintain a volunteer schedule, develop jobs, and communicate with rehab agencies' staff to assure that programs are operating according to the mutual agreement.

REQUIREMENTS: Resume and cover letter with three references faxed (401-781-2163) or mailed to Priscilla Miller, Operations Director, Recycling for Rhode Island Education, P.O. Box 6264, Providence, RI 02940. No phone calls please.

What's New at the Recycle Center



New at RRIE!

COLORED BEADS
All sizes and shapes. Available in an array of colors.



New at RRIE!

CHOWDER CUPS
Great for crayons, paint, seedlings, etc.



New at RRIE!

HEAVY-DUTY BOXES
Giant blocks!



New at RRIE!

COLORED PLASTIC TAPE
Clear artist tape and masking tape in different colors.

A Word from Priscilla



MAKING IT HAPPEN—Experiential activities inspire creativity and help develop problem-solving skills in students from kindergarten to college levels. The following are activities students participate in daily: building miniature cities using small discarded jewelry boxes, structuring the atom with discarded beads and wire, interpreting stories through art made with an assortment of craft-like materials that were destined for the dumpster but reclaimed, discriminating sounds that the different size pieces of wooden spindles make when dropped, flying kites with glistening kite tails made with metallic ribbon scraps, and college students exploring various unique materials to discover new and innovative ideas and applications. The cost to supply all the necessary materials for such activities would ordinarily exceed school budgets. However, thanks to many environmentally conscientious manufacturers and businesses, tons of usable materials are made available to the Recycle Center for **FREE** to use as an educational resource. In appreciation to our donors for *making it happen* for so many schools and educational programs throughout New England and the thousands of children benefiting from them, we extend our appreciation and thanks.

We will be getting an abundance of 20 and 30 oz. plastic containers with lids. These are great for painting, storing crayons, planting seeds, using as scoops and so much more! Here is an idea for using these containers for storing string or lace: poke a small hole in the center of the lid, place string in container and feed string through the underside of lid before closing. Pull string through hole, measure and cut when

needed.

ATTEND A WORKSHOP—Call Kathleen McAreavey at 401-781-1521 for reservations. See www.rrie.org for updates!

GROUP WORKSHOPS - The following series of workshops are offered to your group or organization at your location or at the Recycle Center. Scheduling is required four weeks in advance.

1. **THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY** - This offering clears out the “adult imposed” obstacles in creativity, and brings the participant back to the materials as an opportunity, not as a means to an end. This is a one-hour workshop that prepares the conference attendee for an experience of learning that is cerebrally clutter-free.
2. **MAKE AND TAKE STORYTIME**-This is a “Make It & Take It” workshop that explores materials in relation to literacy standards. The creative exchange in the group allows the participant to leave the workshop with not only an original lesson, but also the ideas from all the other participants. A real brainstorm!
3. **SIMPLE MATH WITH REUSABLES**-Explore the basics of math with reuse materials. Create lessons from “found stuff” and learn how to turn an empty cupboard into a full house. This workshop can be geared toward any grade level. Just let us know in advance what grade level will meet your audience’s needs.
4. **SIMPLE SCIENCE WITH REUSABLES**-Explore the basics of science using reuse materials. Simple machines, properties of gas, molecular structure – all embedded in reuse materials. This workshop can be geared toward any grade level. Just let us know what your audience interest is.
5. **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND GREEN PRACTICES**-This workshop is a “train the trainer” offering. It prepares the teacher to expand on the implementation of reuse materials in lessons to include the environmental, social, and sustainability issues relevant to consumerism and world citizenship.
6. **NORMAL SENSORY-MOTOR DEVELOPMENT**-Learn how children develop and integrate perceptual-motor skills and how these skills lead them to become competent people and productive workers. Workshop will link competence to self-esteem and overall healthy social development.

INDEPENDENT LEARNING CENTERS—EARN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDITS!

Presented by Annette Mendonca. Create meaningful self-directed activities that reinforce student-learning objectives for elementary level in areas of Social Studies and Science. **Thurs., Sept. 23, 4pm-6pm, Thurs., Oct. 21, 4pm-6pm, Thurs., Nov., 18, 4pm-6pm.** \$20 per person, attendance is limited to 15 participants.

“Tools for Teachers: An Introduction To Community Building and Conflict Management” - presented by Virginia E. Law, JD

Offered Sat., 9/25, Sat., 10/23, Sat., 10/30, Sat., 11/6, Sat., 11/20; 9am-noon

This hands-on workshop provides teachers and other youth leaders with ready-to-use lesson plans, resource lists and samples to support a caring, compassionate, & cooperative community where each member is valued and supported in their growth. It recognizes the importance of the principles of social and emotional learning, conflict management, and nonviolence. The activities are engaging, experiential opportunities that appeal to a variety of learning styles and ages. **Connections to current curriculum and educational standards are highlighted.** Teachers (K-12), youth group leaders and anyone who works with groups of young people are welcome to participate. Youth are also encouraged to attend.

Tuition is \$10 per person (This includes the seminar, manual, samples and materials for a classroom activity)

This workshop is partially underwritten by a grant from UPS.

Virginia Edgerton Law, JD is President of PeacePaths, and a Certified Consultant for Workplace Conflict Management (MTI), specializing in mediation and training services for schools and businesses. Law’s innovative youth programs merging conflict management training, literacy and business skills have been featured on public television and in print. Virginia is a founding member of the online mediator panel for Square Trade. She is also an adjunct instructor of law, and mediation courses for undergraduate, graduate and law students.

Recycling your way to OPERAtunity! presented by Loriana DeCrescenzo

Saturday, September 18th, 9-11am **Grade/age level : K-8**

Focusing on: Composition, The Science of Sound and Making music with recycled materials

Goals: to help teachers explore ways of incorporating music in their classroom lessons and increase the use of arts-integration lesson planning. \$20 per person

Saturday, October 2nd, 9-11am **Grade/age level : K-8**

Focusing on: Exploring multi-arts learning through students creating original opera/musical/theatre presentations with the help of recycled materials

Goals: to help teachers explore ways of increasing student participation in the creative process through original performance presentations incorporating recycled materials. \$20 per person

Loriana DeCrescenzo, Executive Director of Opera Providence also teaches voice at Providence College.

Writing, Reading, & Geography presented by Jean Boucher

Make & Take Bookmaking, Saturday, October 9th, 9am-11am

In this fun and imaginative workshop each participant will use the Recycle Center’s materials to create **TWELVE (12)** different types of books whose techniques can be transferred to other interesting art projects!! **\$20 per person**

Reading with Magnets, Saturday, October 16th, 9am-11am

Using Recycle Center materials learn exercises that use phonics and sight words to reinforce phonic skills and word recognition, as well as providing practice in sentence building skills. These fun projects have endless possibilities! Sure to draw the student’s attention. **\$20 per person**

Bean/Bead U.S. Map, Saturday, November 13th, 9am-11am

Using a plethora of beads, string and board from the Recycle Center construct a geographical teaching aid that will last for years. **\$20 per person**

Jean Boucher is a retired elementary school teacher who is “trained to train” through national training in Math, Economics, Writing & Reading.

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RECYCLING IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS!!



Recycling for Rhode Island Education has partnered with the Recycling Donation Center Program in a used cell phone, used inkjet and printer cartridges fundraiser! This innovative fundraiser provides us the ability to turn used phones and cartridges into cash! Every day, thousands of empty printer cartridges and used cell phones are needlessly disposed of in

landfills across the country. In the United States, less than 20% of the 30 million cartridges used are actually recycled! The percentage for recycling cell phones is less than 5%! We know that most people, if given the choice, would rather dispose of their empty cartridges, toners, and drums in a way that would benefit the environment and, Recycling for Rhode Island Education! You can contribute to our organization and help save resources and landfill space. How does it work? Instead of throwing away used cell phones and empty cartridges from your printers, fax machines, and copiers, simply save them and drop them off on an open day the next time you come to the Recycle Center to shop! If you are a large company with a great volume of cartridges to donate, please contact us and we will arrange to have the Recycling Donation Center pick up your donation in our name. Recycle bins can also be provided free of charge to store the used cell phones and cartridges between pick-ups! If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact Andy McGovern at the Recycle Center at 401-781-1521 or e-mail us at info@rrie.org.



Decoupage Your Classroom!

1. Find pictures you would like to use on your card or box. Cut them very close, with as little edging as possible.
2. Test the picture, or another piece from

the same magazine, in a corner or a part that won't be seen for runniness. The color shouldn't bleed when you sweep a wet finger across it. If it does, test the material with this process on something else first (like an old sheet of paper) - then if it looks okay, go ahead and do the real thing.

3. Spread newspaper on the floor.
4. Dilute white glue, like Elmer's, in a bowl with a little water. Mix it well.
5. Take a brush and dip it in the glue, then shake off excess. Sweep across the surface of the picture and the surface where you want to put the picture.
6. Place the picture on the surface and press down. Smooth it out to get rid of air bubbles.
7. Dip the brush in again and brush the glue on top of and around the picture.
8. Put your work aside to dry for several hours. You can add another coat later if you like. For added shine, a spray clear coat (polyurethane) works well.
9. Show off to all your friends! Have fun!

