

# Kenwood Elementary “Green School” Goals



Your Kenwood HUG-PTO is pleased to work with our students, staff and families to ensure Kenwood Elementary School is environmentally conscious in its everyday activities. For several years, we have instituted ways to be more eco-friendly at Kenwood and encourage you and your family to do the same at home and help Kenwood Elementary remain a Michigan “Green School.”



The “Green Schools” program is just one of the initiatives your Kenwood HUG-PTO works on all year-round. With your help, our environmental stewardship benefits us all – from the classroom to your home to the community and for our Earth!

Each of Kenwood’s Green School goals offers an opportunity for us to “be better” and “do good” for our school and planet. We each of the efforts listed here inspires you to participate!

Visit our “Green Schools” webpage for links to other community efforts and tips at: [www.hugpto.org/greenschools](http://www.hugpto.org/greenschools)



Motion-sensor/automatic shut-off light switches were previously installed in every classroom, office, gym and other areas of our school to ensure the most **energy-efficient electric/light usage**. District maintenance crews are re-evaluating efficiency levels and adjusting the timing of the light shut-offs.

## WASTE FREE WEDNESDAYS

We invite all students and staff to bring a “**WASTE FREE LUNCH**” on Wednesdays! Here are a few ways you can be waste free:

- Use a reusable lunchbox/bag
  - Use reusable containers instead of plastic ‘baggies’
  - Use “real” silverware instead of ‘plasticware’
  - Recycle any single-use plastic or juice boxes
- For more ideas, visit: [www.wastefreelunches.org](http://www.wastefreelunches.org)



We continue the support of our “adopted” poison dart frog at the **Detroit Zoo!** The **A.D.O.P.T.S.** (Animals Depend On People To Survive) program is a wonderful way for our HUG-PTO to give back to our local Zoological Society as they work on their conservation efforts and education. For more information on this program, visit: [www.detroitzoo.org/support/give/adopts](http://www.detroitzoo.org/support/give/adopts)

We are excited to announce our new partnership with **TerraCycle**, an organization that offers free recycling programs to help us recycle hard-to-recycle waste. Please start dropping off or sending the following empty and cleaned items with your student for us to recycle for you:

- Arm & Hammer and OxiClean pouches
- Burt’s Bees containers
- Colgate oral care items
- eos containers
- GoGo squeeZ pouches
- Tom’s of Maine containers

Collection boxes are located under our welcome table/bulletin board outside of the office. Visit: [www.hugpto.org/greenschool](http://www.hugpto.org/greenschool) for details on specific product containers currently accepted.



We continue our used marker and empty printer cartridge recycling activities through **Crayola** and **Staples**. Each classroom has a basket for used marker “deposits” and a collect box for printer cartridges is located under our welcome table/bulletin board outside of the office.