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Welcome back Staff, Green Committee and new members!

This will be an e-meeting for our first committee meeting of the new school year. Please reply all when commenting or adding information so that everyone is in the loop.

Here’s what is new:

1-**Trash-Free Tuesdays** will start back up September 23. The Kindergarten will weigh the amount of trash for the first 5 or 6 weeks to calculate how much we are saving. This will be done by putting an aluminum pan on top of your land-fill trash can and I will come around at the end of the day to collect them. What could be the prize? Another smoothie party?

Last year we bumped it up to be “Fancy Lunch” and used cloth napkins, natural lights, and music.

2-**Save Fuel Week** could be October 13-17 if all agree. This the same time we have had it in the past years. I would like to emphasize car pooling this year since it is the easiest and one of the safest alternatives. Parents can look in the back of the directory (When Jen gets it out) to find families with similar zip codes. We could advertise it as “get to know your neighbor” which could be an advantage to the parents in the event they may need to rely on a neighbor for one reason or another. Do you want Ranger Rick again as the prize?

3-Would everyone like to **recycle markers** again? Cici is Holy Redeemer doing this again and could you transport our markers for us if so?

4**-Green Logo-** Audra Buck-Coleman has been working to redesign some of our flyers. She has created a logo for us, see what you think. Please see attachment to choose the one you like best.

5-**Solar Timer-** Sally DeLeon, our PTA rep has found a cool solar powered timer that could go on the playground and introduce children to that type of clean energy. What do you think? We could ask the PTA to pay for it.

http://www.playforce.co.uk/product/solar-powered-stop-clock/

6-**PTA Waste-free**- Sally how did the waste-free PTA meetings and events go last year? Do you have any suggestions or comments for this year?

7-**MD Green School Reapplication**- We will need to reapply for our Maryland Green School award this year but I don’t think it will be a problem with all the initiatives we have going on.

http://maeoe.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/2014-15GreenSchoolsApplicationGuide-Final.pdf

Our**Gold Office Award** expires in January as well. I don’t think they have a list of renewal requirements for that yet. We could review the original requirements since we have been slack on some of them such as waste free meeting. Sally had been looking for some more attractive compostable plates and cups so that meetings can be green and pretty.

8**-Youth Summit**-  It would be great for our Kindergarten Green Committee to attend the MAEOE Youth Summit at Sandy Point State Park at the end of May to receive our Green School renewal.

http://maeoe.org/youth-summit/