

Thacher's Going Green!

We are so pleased to introduce a new committee to our community. The Thacher Montessori School Green Committee will be a team of staff, parents, and students who are dedicated to taking the initiative to lower our school's carbon footprint, reduce our plastic consumption, and spread environmental awareness in our community by setting a green example. The committee will meet once a month to discuss green initiatives for our school and to monitor the progress of our goals.

We believe strongly that small steps make a significant impact, not only on our planet but on the lives of our children. We understand that adjusting to an eco-lifestyle can take some time and patience, so we are committed to providing support and making each transition positive. Thacher has already taken some green initiatives this year. If you are interested in joining the Thacher Green Committee or if you have any green ideas for our school, please email us at GoingGreen@thacherschool.org.

What we've already accomplished:

- The dishwashing station at our potluck was very successful, and we are looking forward to using it again for future events. We will continue to use reusable silverware and plates at all staff and community events. Thank you to Steve for bringing in cutlery!
- Kelly Cannon's rotating composting system has been such a great addition to our gardens. Thank you to everyone who has been contributing to our compost!
- Administrative, classroom, and health-related forms have been converted to electronic submission and distribution.
- Student-driven, plastic recycling drive is in full swing with staff and family participation.
- After November 4, all single-use paper coffee cups were removed from the staff kitchen as well as all single-use plastic cups. The staff has worked together to gather a collection of assorted mugs which will be used for all school events.
- Compost bins have been added to the staff kitchen and in the gym kitchen.

Thank you everyone who has supported these changes for our earth, our oceans, and our children.

Sincerely,

Melanie Colby