



A Sampling of RRPS Green Recycling Projects:



MCES is collecting a total of 4,500 2-liter plastic bottles to build some greenhouses on its campus. All of our schools have been supplied with blue recycling bins to help with this collection. If you would like to learn more about the greenhouses, contact **MCES Green Rep Jessica Owen** at jowen@rrps.net. All colors can be used!

Our annual **EnerG³** district-wide **ReUse Eyewear Project** is underway. Last year we collected over 300 prescription glasses that went to the Gift of Sight. Contact Laura Case, Nurse Coordinator, at lcase@rrps.net for more info.



Maggie Cordova
Elementary needs
your help:

Can you collect
1000 2-liter
plastic bottles?



Sustainability:

“Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”



Rio Rancho Public Schools has joined with the Governor's office and the Rio Rancho Mayor's office to kick off the first annual Energy Awareness Week. From Monday, January 11th to Monday, January 18th, 2010, public and private school students, businesses, municipal governments and communities have been invited to look at how they use energy in every facet, from transportation to running appliances in the home.

RRPS has partnered with the City of Rio Rancho, the Rio Rancho Regional Chamber of Commerce businesses, the Village of Corrales, Albuquerque Public Schools and Intel, NM to institute energy plug load plans, which examines how vampire loads (also known as “phantom” loads) waste valuable energy when electronics are not in use. The EnerG³ Program, started in November 2008 at RRPS, emphasizes the need for schools, homes and communities to work together in creating a culture of wise energy use. RRPS has also formed a “Sustainability Group” consisting of twenty plus “Green Reps,” from all of the district's school sites who are sharing successes and developing a game plan to actively reduce their schools' carbon footprints.

RRPS Facilities Executive Director Al Sena thanked the Governor and Mayor for their support of the initiative, saying, “We are very pleased that Energy Awareness in New Mexico is becoming an annual event in Rio Rancho and throughout the state. Energy awareness is something we can all practice everyday to make a positive impact in our schools, homes and communities.” The district has already realized significant savings over the past year by instituting the **Rio Rancho Every Day Energy (RREDE, Are You Ready to Use Energy Wisely?) Project**, which uses a checklist for classrooms and offices to manage energy use every day of the week.

GREEN NEWS YOU CAN USE

<http://www.it.northwestern.edu/hardware/eco/stats.html>

http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/kids/news_energy_vampires.cfm

<http://www.standby.lbl.gov/standby.html>

