

March 12, 2010

Dear members of the R.M. of Shellmouth-Boulton,

We have created this survey about recycling because we think that some sort of program should be in place in our community. Our environment is important to us and we believe that is in need of some major changes. We want to lengthen the lifespan of our landfill by recycling.

This year we decided that we wanted to be more of a green school so we decided that we would not use paper or styrofoam plates or cups. Each student from Grade 3 – 8 takes a turn doing dishes on the three days a week that we have hot lunches. As well, we started recycling. Every student rinses out their lunch or drink containers and puts them in bins everyday. We also have two composters. One of our teachers hauls the recycling to Roblin every week. We think that, if we are working hard to protect the environment, maybe our area should be recycling too. We know that it is necessary to change the way we look after our environment. This isn't going to affect our parents, but us and our children.

Last month, a few of our students went to a RM meeting and discussed if we could have a program in our community. They considered our idea and a committee was set up to look at this issue and we were asked to be part of it. We decided that the best place to start was to send out a survey to help us decide how we can deal with recycling.

This survey will help us decide how many people will be interested in recycling, what they recycle and if they already recycle. Please take our survey and show us that you care too. We will be looking forward to the results. The surveys need to be handed in at the school (or to a student) or at the municipal office by April 14, 2010.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Klemack & Rhys Fingas
Recycling Committee Members

Principal's Note: A few months ago our school's recycling group was nominated for Manitoba School Boards Association's Student Citizenship Award. The day this letter was written, we were informed that our group had won this award. They will be honored at an award's ceremony at the annual convention. These students are serious about wanting recycling in our area and committed to doing something about it. Please support them by doing their survey and consider recycling in your home and business.

Sincerely,
Heather Davidson,
Principal, Inglis School