

Quincy High School Green Points

1. Our media center has a section which addresses environmental issues. Our school also receives many magazine subscriptions addressing environmental issues such as Time Magazine, Popular Science, National Geographic, as well as several magazines focusing on animal life. Our media center is updated regularly by Sarah Taylor and Danelle Bowers, our school librarians. Also our knowledgeable library staff can easily direct students to whatever sources they need to further their education on ecological activities.
2. The Quincy High School has run a paper recycling program for several years. The program entails boxes for both plastics and paper products within each room. The recycling for the paper was started by Alan Andridge, one of our biology and physics teachers, and was continued by the G.R.E.E.N. Club. When the G.R.E.E.N. Club took over the paper recycling it also added in the recycling of plastics. Also our school reuses the newspapers and magazines for projects in other classes. For instance our newspapers go towards the art classes paper maché, and magazines go towards collages and other class projects.
3. Our school also manages a birdhouse building and upkeep program. The school places the birdhouses along many wildlife trails throughout our nature center. Some of the birds we attract are the Eastern Bluebird, Wood Duck, Woodpecker, Flicker, Screech Owl, Mallards, and the Kestral. There are also bat houses that we manage with the birdhouses. This was started by the STATS Program and has passed hands to be managed by student volunteers.
4. Our school also plants native plants along the nature center. These plants are planted to draw in wildlife and include Highbush Cranberry, Dogwood, and Nannyberry. We also routinely check on the plants to manage their growth and to make sure they are growing accordingly. This is done mainly during our Spring Fling by students.
5. Our elementary and soon our High School will have a battery recycling program. They will also be accepting ink cartridges. These products are then taken to an appropriate recycling facility and managed accordingly. The G.R.E.E.N. Club and Student Council will be working to involve the entire student body in this during a week long Earth Day celebration.
6. Not only is our school observing Earth Day this year, we are making a week long celebration of it. The G.R.E.E.N. Club will be combining with the Student Council to get as many people involved as possible in the recycling drive, community service, and environmental activities as possible. This is the first Green Week we at Quincy Schools and we plan on using games and fun to spread the word about helping the environment, and helping to promote more ecologically friendly ideas within our community and school.
7. Quincy Schools is proud to offer the G.R.E.E.N. Club this year for students who are interested in making a difference for our community. This is G.R.E.E.N. Clubs first year and it has had quite a lot of success. The G.R.E.E.N. Club has taken of the recycling projects at our school and also is helping to organize our first Earth Day celebration.

Also the G.R.E.E.N. Club will be helping to maintain several other projects around our school that are already in place, such as the birdhouses. Furthermore, the G.R.E.E.N. Club is helping to make people within our school aware of threats to our environment such as Global Warming.

8. Annual tree planting established since 1995 on land set aside by the Quincy Board of Education to develop a nature area for educational purposes. Each year K-12 students can collaborate with Branch County Soil Conservation and Potawatomi Research Council for development to plant (on approximately 20 acres of land) selected deciduous and conifer trees, clovers, native grasses, wetland plants and wildflowers. Ecosystems include open field, meadows, deep pond, shallow marsh, forest edge, primary and secondary succession habitat areas. Additionally approximately 20 acres of standing ponds with vernal ponds are maintained. A trail system connects all these ecosystems. Some trees that were planted were Red pine, White pine, Tulip Poplar, Red oak, White oak, Black walnut, Red maple, Sugar maple, American beech, and several others.
9. During Earth Week we will be turning the CD and DVD recycling drive into a competition. The classes will compete for "Pride Points", a reward system that ties into the entire school year, by bringing in the most CD's. There will also be several other recycling drives going on this week including batteries, old cell phones, and newspapers. This will be organized between the G.R.E.E.N. Club and Student Council.
10. The G.R.E.E.N. Club has both a bulletin board and display case that keep students aware of the problems facing our environment. The bulletin boards do not say exactly what the G.R.E.E.N. Club is doing but they show the bigger picture. What problems are facing our environment and what we can do to help.