

Green Teams



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"We recycle paper and we make posters to put up on certain things like by the bathroom," said Nyeasia Simmons, a 4th grade student. "That way people can stop throwing away certain paper, save paper."

"Weve been getting posters and helping kids to save the earth," said Emily Zuris, a 5th grader. "Save water and paper and like turn off lights and stuff."

The "re-energizers" are working hard making posters to spread the word. They want to make sure all of their

teachers and classmates are doing their part to save the environment.



"I think its important to save the Earth. Instead of throwing everything away and wasting trees," said Nyeasia.

"Its where we live, so we want to take care of it," said Emily.

Many Rochester schools have "green teams." They are partnered up with companies in the community that help them get ideas for projects. **This group works with Larsen Engineers.**

"Its the next generation that needs to learn about the environment and energy and the goal was by working with schools we could share with them ideas, things happening in neighborhoods and communities keep them aware of it," said **Ram Shrivastava, a school partner.**

Theres a financial incentive in all of this as well. All of the money the school saves by doing simple things like turning off computer monitors ends up coming back to the green team.

"Once we tally up, we look over how much money we have saved in the building," said Brenda Speers-Holland. "Theres a set amount of money given back to the green schools club that we can use for a variety of things."

And the students are getting a lot out of it too. Many of the energy saving tips they learn here are being taken home too.