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Suffolk Public Schools recycle 277,837 plastic bags

Top four recycling drive schools to receive benches

SUFFOLK, Va. (April 30, 2009) One...two...thirty...four thousand...This is the song that ten Suffolk schools have been singing the last four months as they counted plastic bags recycled in the drive co-sponsored by Suffolk Public Schools and Trex Company, Inc. The drive began in January and ended on Earth Day, April 22nd. Students kept a total of 277,837 plastic bags from the landfill and our waterways.

The participating schools included Southwestern Elementary, Elephant's Fork Elementary, Kilby Shores Elementary, Kings Fork Middle, Turlington Woods School, Northern Shores Elementary, Booker T. Washington Elementary, John F. Kennedy Middle, Nansemond River High and John Yeates Middle School.

The top school in each level --- elementary, middle and high --- will receive a bench for the school courtesy of Trex. The benches were made from lumber made from recycled plastic bags. The following schools will receive a bench: Kilby Shores Elementary- 63,085 bags recycled; Kings Fork Middle- 80,824 bags recycled; Nansemond River High- 14,397 bags recycled; and Turlington Woods- 7,307 bags recycled.

Amanda Harrington, recycling promotions coordinator with Trex, Chad Oxton, Suffolk's engineering data technician, and Hattie Lester, Suffolk's litter control coordinator will be delivering the benches on May 7. The delivery schedule is as follows:

Nansemond River High- 8:30 a.m.

Kilby Shores Elementary: 10 a.m.

Kings Fork Middle- 11:30 a.m.

Turlington Woods- 1 p.m.

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