

Keep It Green At Mount View!

The holiday season can seriously impact the planet. Did you know.... (statistics from Stanford University)

- Americans throw away 25% more trash during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holiday period than any other time of year. The extra waste amounts to 25 million tons of garbage!
- 38,000 miles of ribbon alone is thrown out each year--enough to tie a bow around the Earth
- If every American family wrapped just 3 presents in reused materials, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.

Help Mount View "Keep it Green" this season *and always* by being a better gift giver!

- **Avoid wrapping paper with glossy, shiny, sparkly, or gold foil coating since these cannot be recycled.**
- Hide a gift instead of wrapping it and leave clues for the person to find it!
- Consider making the package a part of the gift (like filling a new pot with other kitchen utensils).
- Use plant based ribbon such as raffia, jute, or fabric strips.
- Have a little fun and reuse an old box to "wrap" your gift. Let the recipient think you bought them cereal, Capri Suns, or a box of diapers. You could even hide "box inside box" until they find the gift!
- Take the time to reclaim and reuse bows, ribbon, and tissue paper. (Remember... tissue paper isn't recyclable.)
- **AND, OF COURSE, RECYCLE YOUR WRAPPING PAPER!**

Are you willing to be a GREEN Gift Giver? Make a commitment to reduce your waste at least one way the next time you give a gift, whether it's during this season or in the future!

Return pledges to the bin in your science classrooml by FRIDAY, January 13th.

Our family supports Mount View's efforts to "be green" and we will: (check all that apply)

- Use less wrapping paper*
- Avoid glitter and foil wrapping paper*
- Recycle wrapping paper correctly! (foil, glitter, and tissue paper are NOT recyclable)*
- Use less ribbon and/or use natural ribbon*
- Use a creative gifting technique like old boxes or scavenger hunts*
- Buy less "stuff" that needs to be wrapped!*

Student's Name: _____ *Grade :* _____ *Pd 1 Teacher:* _____

Family Signature(s) (one or more):

*"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children."
Native American Proverb*