

Dear Parents,

Leon County School District is committed to protecting the health and welfare of children. We also believe in the value of environmental stewardship. Accordingly, we are pleased to announce our adoption this year of the *iRecycle* initiative, a program to promote recycling on campus and teach students earth-friendly behaviors.

*iRecycle* is a partnership involving students, teachers, administrators, custodians and parents. All staff on campus will be learning about and participating in recycling paper, plastic, glass, and canned items. We ask for your participation in this initiative by practicing recycling at home and modeling earth-friendly behavior for your child. To make this task easier, we have attached a flyer that describes what *can* and *can't* be recycled. This is an easy-to-use guide that can be posted on a refrigerator.

For the 2007-08 school year, each classroom will have two student-made recycling bins and each school will have city-issued larger bins located in common areas. Next year, we hope to obtain funds to purchase green plastic bins for every classroom.

Activities planned for the upcoming school year include the formation of student "Green Teams" on each campus, the delivery of grade-appropriate, waste-reduction curricula, and student participation in several county-wide events including CANpaign (October), Arts in the Park with a recycling theme (March), and Earth Day (April).

More information will be forthcoming about this initiative and will be available for access on our website. We look forward to sharing our progress with you.