



Go Green

A Newsletter for Sustainable Living



Dear Student Body,

We are the **Building and Planning Team (BPT)**, a group of students, parents, faculty, and administrators who discuss and carry out projects that hope to make the Greeley community a better place.

For the past two years, we have been **collaborating with STOP and Silent Earth** to make the school more sustainable. Our latest projects have been researching **solar energy** and working with the district during an **Energy Audit**.

In the near future, Greeley is putting in **solar panels** and a **wind turbine** to power a few classrooms. It may not seem like much, but every little bit is progress. We must all contribute—by recycling, closing windows and doors, turning off faucets...**we can ALL make a difference!**

Read up on what STOP and Silent Earth are doing and contribute to their fundraising efforts. **Join us** on the BPT, or tell your friends and siblings to join next year!

This newsletter is meant to spread information and ideas about **what YOU can do to help**. We hope you take some of ideas to heart.

Go Green!

Sincerely,
Building Planning Team

Greeley's Path to Sustainability

Recycling Campaign



Energy Audit



Default Double-Sided Printing



New Windows



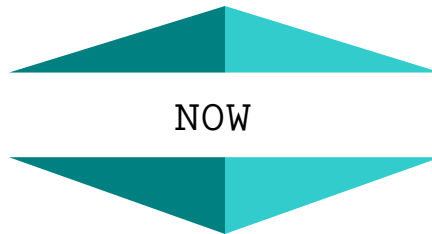
Fixed Heating System



New Water Fountains



STOP Water Bottles



NOW

Automatic Light Sensors



Heating/Cooling/Window Upgrades



Wind Turbine/Solar Panels

Problems/Facts

Water Bottles—students waste plastic buying water bottles each day...

Cars—students are dropped off in the morning alone, rather than taking the bus or carpooling...

Excess Packaging—lunches have individually wrapped items with materials that go to waste...

Open Doors—some of Greeley's doors don't close all of the way...

Lights—some lights in older buildings do not turn off automatically (yet)...

Paper—scrap paper is discarded with only a few things written...

Solutions/Alternatives

Use the Greeley water bottles!

Carpool—arrange rides with friends and neighbors, or take the bus!

Use reusable containers—Tupperware is a great way to transport food!

Check that the faucets are off—or tell a custodian if you find a leak!

Turn off lights that are left on in unused rooms before more sensors are put in this summer!

Print double sided! Print on scrap paper at home!



SILENT EARTH: GREENING GREELEY

On an average high school morning, 90 tons of carbon dioxide are wasted just from the parents that drop their kids off at school and leave again.

Something wrong with that?

Our #1 Initiative: Motivate HGHS students use the Chappaqua bus system to get to and from school.

Use public transportation, stop global warming.





Did you know that the average Greeley student spends over \$100 a year on water bottles purchased from the cafeteria? CNN Reporter Rachel Oliver says close to 90% of these bottles end up in landfills, where they will stay for up to 700 years before decomposing....

STOP: STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FOR OUR PLANET

At the beginning of the year, STOP offered all students, teachers, and staff a **free stainless steel water bottle** in return for a pledge to reduce their consumption of plastic water bottles. Close to **75 percent** of students chose to pick up a bottle. Greeley has also purchased **new water fountains** and spigots that encourage students to refill their bottles at school. For any plastic bottles still bought, we have stocked each classroom with **new recycling bins** for cans and bottles to prevent any cross contamination.

To kick-off Earth Week (April 19-23), STOP will be sponsoring our annual recycling drive in the Greeley cafeteria. ***We will be working together with the Building Planning Team to co-host a screening of the film No Impact Man at the Chapqua Library on April 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.*** After watching the film, students and community members will be encouraged to take the “No Impact Challenge” (a one-week carbon cleanse to see what a difference no-impact living can have on your quality of life).

STOP meets every Day 5 from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. in L115. We welcome all students to our meetings and we hope to see many of you at the upcoming film screening of “No Impact Man”!

Get a FREE Lollipop!

1. **Read** this newsletter.
2. **Save** this newsletter.
3. **Bring** it to the Senior Section of the cafeteria after school today.
4. **Sign** a pledge to Go Green!
5. **Enjoy** your lollipop!

