Tackling Trash with Tires







Kelly Mill Elementary Recycle Box Contest









Tire

Painting Day #1

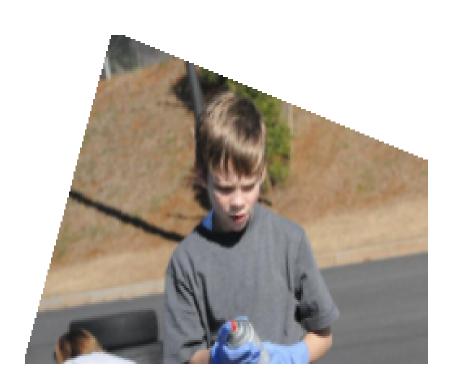






Tire Painting Day #2...





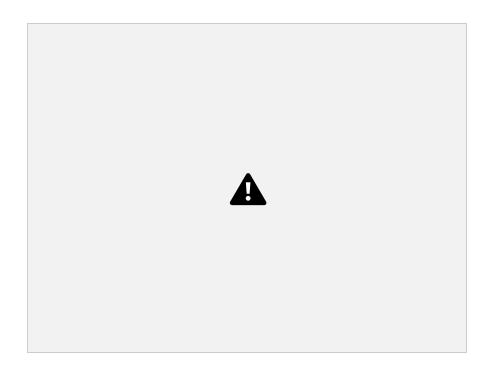




Tire Decorating







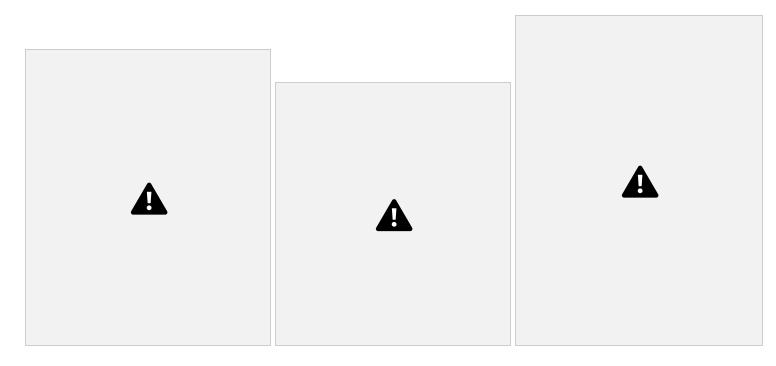
Recycle Material Data

Business	Item Collecting	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week5	Week 6	Week 7
Subway	Chip Bags	15	35	57	78	85	96	109
Dobbs Rec. Dept.	Plastic Bottles	75	98	115	137	185	164	157
Aquatics Center	Plastic Bottles	52	47	63	55	61	79	77
The Ice	Plastic Bottles	115	135	147	136	187	137	158
CBC National Bank	plastic Bottles	35	47	36	50	44	55	69

Home Entertainment	Plastic Bottles	27	37	36	45	28	47	45
Nails Salon	Plastic Bottles	46	57	53	65	73	70	67
Summer Roofing	Plastic Bottles	25	36	38	40	37	24	45
Crossfit 1	Plastic Bottles	137	145	128	131	120	118	152
Crossfit 2	Plastic Bottles	89	76	94	103	107	105	125
Catch Air	Capri Sun	45	52	55	46	60	53	61
Mende's Karate	Plastic Bottles	47	55	48	49	53	56	59
Dawsonville Court house	Plastic Bottles	63	67	75	78	65	79	84
Cumming Dance	Plastic Bottles	35	46	48	47	59	66	78
All American Construction	Plastic Bottles	42	40	39	47	46	47	45
Kelly Mill Bin 1	Dental Supplies	8	15	30	27	33	44	35
Kelly Mill Bin 2	Plastic Containers	15	14	17	13	16	18	17
Kelly Mill Bin 3	Makeup Containers	7	9	8	11	14	12	10
Kelly Mill Bin 4	Capri Sun Container 59	57	64	78	85	98	147	143
Kelly Mill Bin 5	Plastic Bottles	46	67	72	70	55	68	57
Kelly Mill Bin 6	Plastic Bottles	37	45	32	57	54	66	65
Kelly Mill Bin 7	Cheese Wrappers	25	28	26	38	32	28	35
Kelly Mill Bin 8	Paper	3 Bags	3 Bags	3 Bags	4 Bags	4 Bags	3 Bags	4 Bags
Kelly Mill Bin 9	Paper	4 Bags	4 Bags	4 Bags	3 Bags	4 Bags	4 Bags	3 Bags
Kelly Mill Bin 10	Aluminuim Cans	47	67	65	47	55	55	58







Taking Recycling into our Own Hands





Example: Response from One Legislature

From: Duncan, Geoff [mailto:Geoff.Duncan@house.ga.gov]

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 11:20 AM

To: Sumner, Stephanie **Cc:** Fedorchuk, Laura

Subject: RE: Recycling in Cumming

Thank you so much for your email and the video was AWESOME!! I would love to talk to your students about the concern that they have raised and can come out to your class to do it. Let me know a generic overview of your schedule for the next couple of weeks and I can come in and we can all talk about it. If we can somehow carve out some of the

students schedules they could even come down here to the Capitol as a follow up meeting.

Thanks!

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- Rep. Geoff Duncan
- Georgia General Assembly
- **♀** 26th District Forsyth County





Response To our Letters

From: Sarah Visser [mailto:sarah.visser@kgbf.org]

that would be much more functional for collection purposes.

Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 2:24 PM

To: Sumner, Stephanie Cc: Ext: Tammy Wright Subject: RE: Recycling Project

♣ Hi Ms. Sumner,

- Thank you so much for your note! It is wonderful to see students so engaged and excited about recycling! Are the tires you are stacking being used as collection bins or are they there to bring awareness to the need for bins? If being used for collection, how is that working? I ask, because while the tires are a clear attention getter and they look great the way the kids have painted them it may be possible to get bins
- Please tell Gavin that I share his interest in increasing recycling in Georgia and understand his frustration with the lack of what we call "Away from Home" recycling opportunities. Actually, Georgia has been a leader in many ways in recycling, including pioneering single stream collection and the use of regional collection hubs. We also have one of the strongest recycling manufacturing sectors in the country. Many recyclable materials including paper and plastic find their way into new products right here in Georgia! One of the challenges around recycling is that recyclable materials are a commodity with values that go up and down the same way that farm commodities like corn and soybeans do. Recyclable collection only works when there are end markets for the materials that are collected. The economics of recycling programs are fascinating and are a major reason why there is so much variation in the materials recycled and the methods that communities use to collect them. In Georgia this economic equation is also impacted by our landfill tipping fees some of the lowest in the country.
- Additionally, we find that Georgians do not currently take advantage of all the recycling opportunities available to them. The biggest challenge may not be infrastructure, but education! Even communities with amazing collection systems see less participation than we would like. That makes it important to get the word out about what and how to recycle.
- I'd love to connect you and your students with our local affiliate Keep Forsyth Beautiful. The Executive Director there, Tammy Wright, can tell you much more about the recycling opportunities available in Forsyth and can connect you with a lot of different resources. I have copied her on this email.
- Please let me know if there is anything else I can do and thank you for all you are doing to inspire your students to keep Georgia beautiful!
- 🗣 Sarah Visser
- **Executive Director**

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