

**Sustainability Efforts:  
High School SAFE Club,  
Middle School Green Team,  
Future ES Green Team**

# About Us

## Recycling Chair: Karuso Pindor

My name is Karuso Pindor, and I am a junior in high school. I joined SAFE Club because I've always loved the environment and outdoors, and this SAFE Club has helped me help the environment, and do my part in

## Recycling Vice Chair: Richie Rossi

My name is Richie Rossi, and I am a junior in high school. I wanted a leadership position in SAFE club because I care about our planet's future and I want to do my part by promoting recycling and helping our school become more environmentally friendly.

## Middle School Representatives:

My name is Jaydin Hanna. I'm in 7th grade. I joined Green Team to help our middle school be in a healthy environment. I especially care about our planet's future. I'm looking forward to future projects.

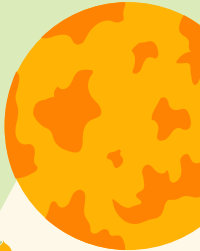


## Project Chair: Alexis Soeder

My name is Alexis Soeder and I am a senior in high school. I joined SAFE Club because I've always cared about the environment and I've loved that SAFE Club has given me the opportunity to educate others and get students engaged in pursuing a more sustainable future.

## Project Vice Chair: Ella Rundo

My name is Ella Rundo, and I'm a senior in high school. I love being a part of SAFE Club, because it helps bring people together to improve the health of our school and community environment. I also enjoy conducting fun projects that reduce and reuse waste.

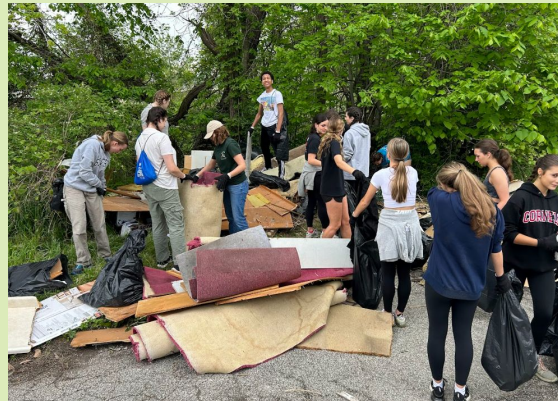


# What We Are Currently Doing:

**High School:** Weekly meetings, collect recycling such as paper, plastic, and cardboard from classrooms. We have done project based activities like pollinator garden, bird feeders from water bottles, we have passed out plants at the city of Brecksville – Earth Day, made recycled paper, outdoor cleanups, and help with the River Sweep.

**Middle School:** Classroom recycling, share table, mixed recycling in the lunchroom filtered through and thrown away by students and Mrs. Roderick. Green house, shoe drive where middle school and high school students donated used shoes. Growing hydroponic vegetables.

**Elementary School:** Staff and PSO–led, paper recycling in every classroom, office, pod, and workroom, Annual Book Swap, Earth Day recess presentations, marker/pen and glue stick/bottle recycling containers, kitchen composting program, yearly “Donation Station” (Staff purging/swapping materials, leftovers donated to The Upcycle Parts Shoppe), share bin in cafeteria, “Garden of Growth” (for students with high–support needs), Staff Swaps Google Classroom



- **HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL COLLABORATIONS!**
- **Looking forward to expanding to Elementary!**



# Middle School Sustainability Initiative Highlights:

- Collaborated with **BBHMS** and **PSO** sustainability chair on project! Thank you Nikki Lohr-Hanna!
- Conducted a 6+ month long **Shoe drive** with Funds2orgs where we collected, sorted, stored and coordinated pick up of 2,150 pounds of shoes!



# Middle School Sustainability Initiative Highlights:

- Working with Jessie Pushpak, WASTE MANAGEMENT'S Community Relations Specialist, & BBHHS graduate, on educational activities for our BBHMS students!



# ADDITIONAL BBHCSD SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

- We contract with [Rust Belt Riders](#) for pre-consumer Food Service Department composting. With approximately 14,250 pounds of waste diverted since August 2024.
- We are contracted with [Clothes Bins](#), clothes and shoe recycling bins to promote recycling used textiles to divert them from the waste streams.
- We also have a BOOK donation bin near the BOE.



...: **Thank you to Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District for our \$15,000 Reimbursable 2026 Waste Reduction, Recycling & Composting Equipment Grant.**



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**Thank you to our BBH District Staff Sustainability Committee for writing the grant.**

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# Upgrades to the Recycling & Sustainability Program



## High School

Larger 10-gallon classroom recycling bins for all classrooms. Large mixed recycling bins for common areas and cafeteria. New carts and bins for transporting and filtering through recycling.



## Middle School

10-gallon recycling bins for all classrooms to streamline paper recycling, new mixed recycling bins for cafeteria, gym, and auditorium, carts and bins for collecting recycling.



## Elementary School

New carts for transporting bins to recycling dumpsters, additional recycling bins for common areas, mixed recycling bins for staff work rooms, formation of a “Green Team” for fifth graders to assist with the collection of mixed recycling containers from staff workrooms in conjunction with PSO volunteers

# We are very excited for our NEW RECYCLING BINS!



# Hopes for Future Improvements



## High School

We plan to improve our Tuesday recycling routine by getting better bins for collecting and for every classroom, which will make it easier for everyone at school to pitch in. We will also try to strive for bigger hands-on projects. Finally, we will be able to get bigger bins for common areas like the lunch room to encourage the students to recycle more.



## Middle School

Our plan is to continue improving our classroom and lunchroom recycling, by getting better recycling bins for our classrooms. We will also expand our idea for the lunchroom share table so we do not waste food in the cafeteria. The share table will help other kids who do not have enough money for extras and are still hungry to get enough food for themselves. We are excited that the middle school will be able to start the share table, upgrade the current lunch bins and have bigger classroom bins.



## Elementary School

Continue with a "Green Team" involving students and designated staff members, expand opportunities during recess times, rain barrels, district-provided marker/pen recycling and glue stick/ glue bottle recycling, district-provided lamination recycling, recyclable bags for the shredder, elimination of styrofoam containers and plasticware, more garden/ green spaces