



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

Fitness Fun & Games



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Non-Profit Afterschool Program
Member since July 2020

Management and Leadership



Environmental Policy Statement

Fitness Fun & Games is a non-profit organization established to provide quality programs for children, ages 2 to 18, which support healthy growth of the individual including cognitive, physical, social and emotional development, during out-of-school hours. It operates programs at the following 16 schools in Maryland and adheres to the environmental policy statement below:

Archbishop Borders, Bethesda United Methodist, Cardinal Shehan, Church of the Redemption, Garrett Heights Elementary, Hamilton Elementary/Middle, Hampden Elementary/Middle, Hampstead Hill Academy, Henderson Hopkins, Holy Angels, Mt. Royal, Patterson Park Public Charter, Roland Park Elementary/Middle, Thomas Jefferson, and Thomas Johnson

Fitness Fun & Games is committed to reducing its impact on the environment. We will strive to improve our environmental performance over time and to initiate additional projects and activities that will further reduce our impacts on the environment. Our commitment to the environment extends to our customers, our staff, and the community in which we operate. We are committed to:

- *Comply with all applicable environmental regulations;*
- *Prevent pollution whenever possible;*
- *Train all of our staff on our environmental program and empower them to contribute and participate;*

- *communicate our environmental commitment and efforts to our customers, staff, and our community;*
- *Continually improve over time by striving to measure our environmental impacts and by setting goals to reduce these impacts each year.*

Signed: Jasmin Padin Date: 7-21-2020
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Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

We purchase the following products:

*Scott Standard EcoLogo toilet paper rolls (KCC04460)
 Simple Green - Clean Building Carpet Cleaner Concentrate, Green Seal Certified
 Simple Green - d Pro 5 Disinfectant Concentrate, Green Seal Certified*

We have begun buying cleaning supplies in large sizes and refill our bottles so that way we can avoid an over load of plastic going to the recycling system. Over the past year, we have reduced our plastic bottle recycling by 70% during the school year.

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

We have established routes of re-use for items such as furniture, office Supplies. In the 2019-2020 school year, our printers included a feature requiring users to swipe a job in order to access print jobs. This resulted in over 500 pounds of paper saved from overprinting within the school 2019-2020.

Recycling

We have implemented waste recycling programs for paper, cardboard, cans and glass. We also recycle batteries, toner cartridges, and electronic components from games, computers and radios.

Composting

Our school has an on-site vermicomposting program which uses a worm composter to reduce the wastes from our fresh fruits and vegetables program. All students get a fresh fruit or vegetable as a snack everyday as a part of healthful eating initiative. The cores, peels, and leftovers are collected by students and fed to the worms. Waste is reduced and rich compost is created for

planting projects. We fill about four 5-gallon buckets a month, saving about 60 lbs. from going into the landfill each year.

Transportation

Employee Commute/Customer Travel

We have several members of our staff that routinely walk (Jasmin Padin, Lorrene Munoz, Ada Reyes, Jesus Perez and Gissela Agilera), or ride their bikes (Clerance Gallaway) to school as a conscious effort to save energy. We estimate that this is reducing about 3,120 vehicle miles/year.

Efficient Business Travel

As a community school, we try to go on as many field trips around the city and state as we can. Some grade levels have at least one field trip a month. To save energy (and to save costs), our teachers host many walking field trips. Classes have walked to M & T Stadium, Oriole Park at Camden Yards, The National Aquarium, Reginald F. Lewis Museum, the Jewish Museum of Baltimore and many more.

Water

Water Conservation

We have water fountains that allow children to use refillable water bottles, which has cut down our plastic bottle use. We also use the water from our rain collection systems to water our garden three times a week. We use two gallons every time we water so weekly we save six gallons of water totaling 312 gallons a year.

Stormwater Management

Our school uses student-made rain collection systems for water runoff from the roof. Water is used for various plantings around the school.

Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities

- By renting space in schools and other buildings around the state, we are helping to maximize the most efficient use of existing space which reduces energy use and environmental impacts.*



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