



## *Win a PC from Creative Recycling Systems, Inc.*

Dear Florida School Teachers and Administrators,

November 15, 2007 is America recycles Day (ARD). ARD is a national event that focuses on the importance of recycling and buying products made with recycled content.

In celebration of this event, Recycle Florida Today, Creative Recycling Systems and the Florida Department of Environmental Protections are pleased to announce the **FOURTH** annual Florida (K-12) Schools **Recycling Pledge Card Contest**.

### **The contest:**

This contest is designed to reward one class each at the Elementary, Middle and High school levels for submitting the greatest number of recycling pledge cards. By completing recycling pledge cards, individual participants can promise to do more to protect the environment through their recycling efforts, help your class win a great education tool and be entered in a contest to win national prizes.

### **Prizes:**

The class with the most number of pledges at their level will receive a gently used desktop computer including monitor (Courtesy of **Creative Recycling Systems, Inc.**) for their efforts. The class with the **MOST** pledge card submittals will also receive a pizza party (Courtesy of **Recycle Florida Today**). In addition, each individual who fills out a pledge card will be entered into a statewide drawing for a \$100.00 gift certificate donated by Recycle Florida Today.

### **How to enter:**

1. There is no contest application to enter your class in the pledge card contest. Simply have your students get as many individuals as possible to complete a recycling pledge card. Please submit only **one pledge card per person**. You can make copies of the attached pledge card for your students and have some of the information completed such as school name, address and teacher to make it simpler for younger students. To insure that your class gets credit for all pledges, the organization or school information must be consistent on all pledge cards. ***It must include the full name of***

***the school, the teacher's name, the class and the period if applicable.***  
***For example: W. W. Smith Elementary***  
***Mr. J. Jones, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class***

2. Contest entries not containing the full name of the school and the teacher's name will not be counted.
3. All students are encouraged to get family members, friends, neighbors and others to make the pledge. Pledge cards are not limited to students or faculty. If the pledge card is from someone not attending a school, be sure to have them put their own address on the card.
4. Count your class's pledges, bind them together and attach a slip of paper showing the total pledges and teacher/class name.
5. Any pledges made via the ARD website will not be entered in the Florida (K-12) Schools Recycling Pledge Card Contest. All entries must be made on paper using copies of the official enclosed pledge card.
6. Send all pledge cards to DEP, postmarked no later than November 30, 2007.

Please mail the pledge cards to:  
Shannan Reynolds  
Florida ARD Coordinator  
Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection  
2600 Blair Stone Rd. M.S. 4570  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400

### **Our Goal!**

Last year, over 12,000 Floridians pledged to recycle and increase their efforts to buy recycled products. Over half of those came from schools! This year, we are challenging all of the state's schools to help double this amount!

America Recycles Day reminds all Americans of our nation's bountiful resources and of our personal responsibility as stewards to care for those resources. We hope that you will help us instill these values in the children of Florida.

If you have any questions, please contact Shannan Reynolds at [Shannan.reynolds@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Shannan.reynolds@dep.state.fl.us) or (850) 245-8716.