

Environmental Club
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In today's society, concerns towards the environment are constantly growing, prompting many people to take action and better the environment. The Environmental Club--or EcoBucs--led by science teacher Colleen Barbe, aims to raise the awareness of the steady decline of the environment and take a stand to better it. Also, the club is a great source of volunteer hours for students.

Mrs. Barbe and Mrs. Withers founded the Environmental Club April 8, 2008 after several students questioned why there was not already a club. Mrs. Withers "spearheaded" the club last year, according to Mrs. Barbe, but is no longer part of it this year, leaving Mrs. Barbe in charge.

The Environmental Club aspires to raise awareness for the necessity of recycling and gained permission from several teachers to put recycling boxes in their rooms.

"We are currently working on spreading the recycling boxes to the cafeteria," said Mrs. Barbe.

The club hopes to get more students involved in recycling, their community, and making an impact on the environment and the community.

"I love the club a lot. It's amazing," said Environmental Club secretary, senior Morgan H.

The Club isn't the only place that Mrs. Barbe demonstrates eco-friendly practices. "I recycle at home, I have a compost heap, and I have my own garden. I always go to local produce stores. Just any way to leave a small foot print," said Mrs. Barbe, who has always strived to for a "more green way of being in the world." She even sports a tattoo on her wrist of the Earth in the shape of a heart, showing her love for the earth.

Mrs. Barbe attended Washington University, where she says it was always big on recycling.

The Environmental Club holds meetings and student activities on most Thursdays. The center of the clubs activities and meetings is its website, ran by digital secretary, senior Kameron B.