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Dear Principal/Teacher:

This year Keep Orlando Beautiful, the City of Orlando, and SeaWorld are encouraging your school to participate in environmentally related activities within your school, home and community. To promote these activities, the Keep Orlando Beautiful program sponsors school environmental clubs in Orange County public elementary and middle schools. There are many benefits in co-sponsoring a club on your campus. **If your club meets all the requirements listed below, participating students will be eligible to win a SeaWorld Education Program!!!** In addition to learning the value of protecting our environment, students develop a sense of pride and experience the joys of giving back to the community and making a difference.

The requirements for 2008-2009 School Environmental Club membership:

- ❖ Appoint a faculty sponsor(s) who will:
 - Register your school on the attached form by October 10, 2008
 - Attend the Environmental Club meeting on October 15, 2008
 - Recruit students to form a club or implement into existing club
 - Meet with the club at least once a month to participate in a cleanup, beautification, or recycling activity on your campus. Attendance sheets will be required.
 - Club must submit a project for display at the Central Florida Fair in April
 - Implement a Keep Orlando Beautiful sponsored program within your school (Can It For the Planet, Wipeout Wireless Waste (recycling cell phones), Adopt a Stop, or paper recycling through SP Recycling)

We encourage your school to get involved again this year, or become involved for the first time, by organizing a club at your school! There will be an orientation meeting on Wednesday October 15th at 3:15 pm in the Social Hall at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. A representative from your school should attend the meeting. Opportunities and rewards for your club will be discussed at this meeting, along with opportunities for your clubs to earn money through recycling and learn about other KOB programs you can utilize at your school.

Keep Orlando Beautiful, Inc. is part of Keep America Beautiful, the nation's largest nonprofit community improvement organization. SeaWorld shares many of our same goals in protecting and keeping our waterways clean and beautiful. Local lakes and rivers are connected to our precious oceans. We are committed to providing livable neighborhoods, clean lakes and streams, and improving the beauty of our City by engaging individuals to take greater responsibility for enhancing their community environment through beautification, waste reduction, and litter prevention.

We are looking forward to a fun year full of educational activities for your students. If you have any questions, please contact Jody Goostree, Keep Orlando Beautiful Coordinator at 407-246-2752 or jody.goostree@cityoforlando.net

Sincerely,

Jody Goostree
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