

# ECO Club News

A call to action for our planet!

## Michaëlle Jean goes litterless!!!

### ECO friendly students

At Michaëlle Jean Public School, The Eco club has been busy all year trying to do their part in caring for our environment. We are proud of our accomplishment of obtaining a bronze certificate in 2013. Our team has been diligent with recycling! An area of improvement for the rest of the year is to decrease the amount of energy we spend and garbage we throw out. This will also be our focus project for next year. Looking forward to a greener year at MJPS.



### Litterless lunch challenge!

*Did you know that on average, school-age children using disposable lunches generate approximately 67 pounds of waste, per student, every school year? That's almost 20,000 pounds of lunch waste for just one average-size elementary school.*

Given that April is Earth Month, Michaëlle Jean is happy to announce that we will be participating in a litterless lunch challenge beginning April 2014! In order for us to meet this challenge it is imperative that we have our school community support.

### What is a litterless lunch?

- ⇒ A litterless lunch is packed with little or no garbage
- ⇒ Litterless lunch means reusing. You can reuse the same bags, containers and utensils.
- ⇒ A litterless lunch also means that students will need to bring their **entire** lunch garbage home.

# MILK BAG PROJECT

At Michaëlle Jean Public School, we are encouraging our students and community to “Recycle-Reduce– Reuse”. We are excited to launch a new initiative. We will be recycling the outer printed milk bags. There are groups who are making mats from these bags and donating them to persons of need in Haiti. These plastic bags are UV resistant and bug resistant, making them suitable for domestic usage as mats, shopping bags, or even beds! All we need from you is to send the clean, dry bags to school with your child. We will provide the bags to the organization that will make the mats and send them to Haiti. Thank you for your support!



- We only need the outer bag and not the inner milk bags.
- Turn the bag inside out and let it dry in your home for a few days.
- Turn it back the normal way and flatten it out.
- Send the bag(s) to school with your child.



- When a few hundred bags are collected, we will deliver them to a place where they will be cut into strips and crocheted into sleeping mats.
- The sleeping mats will be sent to Haiti.



- A Haitian child is sleeping on such a mat.
- These mats are bug resistant and last a long time, as they are resistant to the ultraviolet rays of the hot sun there.