



Dear Dickerson Parents,

Its that time of year... school is ending and time to clean up the classrooms. Traditionally, teachers send home the unused, broken crayons from school and where to they go? In the garbage?

Chester Girl Scout Brownie Troop #6150 will be working on behalf of **The Crayon Initiative** to collect those unwanted crayons. There will be a bin located in the Dickerson School lobby for collection. If you do not want your crayons sent home, please notify your child's teacher and your child can walk down and place their crayons in our collection bin. Please feel free to also bring any broken, unwanted crayons from home as well.

Thank you for helping our troop and supporting this great cause! And check out www.thecrayoninitiative.org for more info or you contact Tina Farnsworth at tinafarns29@gmail.com if you have any questions.

About The Crayon Initiative

The Crayon Initiative organizes crayon collections that take unwanted crayons, remanufactures them, and provides them to hospitals that are caring for our kids. Hospital arts' programs provide in-hospital entertainment and learning programs. During a hospital stay, it's important for children to continue normal childhood development and skills building and to keep life as close to "normal" as possible for them. Art helps hospitalized children by alleviating anxiety, providing psychological support, and offering creative outlets for self-expression. Childrens' arts programs also enhance problem-solving and critical thinking skills, and promote creativity and imagination. Children can escape into a world of fantasy penned by their own imagination just by using crayons.

The wax from crayons is not biodegradable and will never break down, leaving a waxy sludge in our landfills for centuries to come. The Crayon Initiative supports environmental efforts by diverting crayons from the landfills. Annually, over 500,000 pounds of broken crayons are discarded in landfills throughout the country. By collecting unwanted crayons from restaurants, schools, as well as other locations, and recycling them into new ones, The Crayon Initiative is doing our part to prevent crayons from depositing in the landfill.

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