



2015 Department of Education Green Ribbon Award Winner  
**GREEN Your PDS Parent Association Event**

**PURCHASING and MATERIALS:**

- Borrow materials or buy materials that can be reused.
- Use reusable tableware, or, if not possible, purchase compostable or recycled-content tableware. Ask the question: where does it come from and where does it go? --*Certified compostable tableware can be deposited in our Industrial Compost Containers outside the snack bar.*
- Avoid unnecessary paper copying.

**FOOD & DRINK:**

- If you're serving food, seek out local, sustainable, seasonal, or food with a lower environmental impact.  
--*Here is a link to learning more about sustainable eating: <http://www.davidsuzuki.org/what-you-can-do/food-and-our-planet/food-and-climate-change/> or <http://www.todaysdietitian.com/newarchives/082508p42.shtml>*  
--*FLIK and many catering companies provide sustainable food on request. Just let Chef Brian know this is a priority. He will even provide educational signage (about what's local, organic, low on the food chain).*
- Avoid single serving pre-packaged food.
- If you are serving water, contact Chef Brian at FLIK ([bmochnal@pds.org](mailto:bmochnal@pds.org)) to use our large water containers (or for a small event, pitchers and glasses) rather than buying cases of disposable water bottles.  
--*You will need to buy only paper cups which are less expensive and have a much smaller eco footprint.*

**WASTE and RECYCLING:**

- If you must use disposable bottles or cans, provide recycling buckets.  
--*Contact Chris Devlin ([events@pds.org](mailto:events@pds.org)) to provide the details: location, date/time, number of containers.*
- If there will be food waste, provide compost buckets for your event.  
--*Compost buckets can be obtained in the PDS kitchen and returned there along with appropriate signage about what to/not to compost. Contact Chef Brian for the containers and signs.*
- Reuse and/or recycle whatever material possible from the event.  
--*For example: programs, signs, extra handouts, cardboard boxes, etc....*

**TRANSPORTATION:**

- Encourage carpooling to and from your event.  
--*Share the link to the PDS website to find others in your area:(go to "Inside PDS" and then "Directory")*

**EDUCATION AND CELEBRATION:**

- Advertise the sustainable aspects of your event and help educate the PDS community.  
--*Use this form, checking off the sustainability efforts your event will include, and email it to Liz Cutler, Sustainability Coordinator, [lcutler@pds.org](mailto:lcutler@pds.org) to receive the official *Green Panther* event certification logo to use on your advertising and a celebratory sign to display at your event.*