

"A community partnership that helps build GOOD PEOPLE who DO GOOD things."

COLOR CYCLE ACTIVATION SPEECH (TO ADULTS)

Hi! My name is [Addyson! I'm in 2nd Grade and a 5 Gyres ambassador. My Girl Scout troop, #65505] and I are concerned about how plastic pollution is hurting our planet. So, we're here to ask you to JOIN US in activating some solutions!

Plastic Pollution is a big problem for all of us, especially marine animals. The problem has been growing for a long time and is now so big that we can't just RECYCLE our way out of it.

Instead, we have to JOIN TOGETHER with business' and other adult HELPERS to clean up the mess, more powerfully. Plastic pollution is hurting the beaches we play on, the oceans we swim in, the animals we love and poisoning some of the food WE EAT! Plastic is toxic and only 9% of ALL the plastic EVER made has been recycled!!! The rest is being moved around the world in waste management systems that don't work, causing climate change, huge litter problems, hurting animals and creating ocean smog! In fact, scientists say that by the year 2050, there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish!!!

BUT there is still time to work with grown ups and corporations to clean up the mess and regenerate a healthy planet. We are little people who will inherit this planet from all of you, so we would like your help before the window closes and this problem is too big to solve!

We want you to JOIN US as we start activating solutions, together! There are a lot of ways we can help! One way is to learn how to sort our trash and participate in CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAMS... this just means the programs that business' are creating to clean up their plastic footprint, and they are asking US, *the people who buy their stuff*, to help them.

We partnered up with ©Crayola to help them activate one of these programs. AND WE WANT TO ASK YOU TO PARTICIPATE TOO! All you need to do is gather all the used markers and other plastic products ©Crayola sells and SEND THESE USED ITEMS BACK TO THEM. ©Crayola has promised to recycle or reuse everything we send back to them, and this helps KEEP ALL THIS PLASTIC OUT OF OUR OCEANS and MARINE HABITATS.

Participating in simple ways like this will make a big impact, if we all work together!

Please consider activating the ©Crayola Color Cycle Program on this school campus as a way to participate, with us, in stewardship for our planet!! To activate the ©Crayola Color Cycle Program

please visit the <u>www.AddyPres.org</u> Communities Page, where you'll find a link to "Activate with an AP Young Steward" link. Young Steward, ADDYSON, age 8, offers the link to ©Crayola's Color Cycle Program activation page and many more opportunities to activate plastic pollution stewardship in our community.

Please REMEMBER, we're kids, but you can help our voices make a difference if we all WORK TOGETHER participating to solve big problems for people and planet!

THANK YOU!!!