



Pop Tab Collection

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The Pop Tab Story began at the Elora Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. When, in early 1989 it was rumoured that 10,000 pop tabs could be converted into money for wheelchairs, Mr. Pearse quickly organized tab collection. Having collected the 10,000 tabs, he discovered that the wheelchair rumour was an urban myth, but he was able to find a buyer for the tabs in the recycling market. He formed the Pop Tab Committee, hooked up with Alcan in Guelph, and watched the pop tab project grow. Guide House continues to be the main depot for Pop Tabs in the Ottawa Area, seeing several tonnes shipped every three months to Fergus, Ontario: <http://www.guidezone.skf.com/jmpoptabs.htm>. Given the history, schools should participate with pride in this initiative.

Process

- A container is placed in each class or appropriate location (the lunch room!) and one student is responsible for emptying it into the school depot on a regular basis.
- EC team responsible for identifying someone to deliver the tabs to the depot at least 3 times a year.
- Communicate the existence of the container as part of your EarthCARE initiative

Stakeholder Involvement

- All students
- Families could support this by collecting at home

Mentorship

Older students will accompany younger students in the collection of tabs. Guest speakers are available to visit classes and schools. Community partners become involved and support the student initiative.

Role of Class

Each class will participate and have a collection container present in their room.

Lesson Plan Links

Any lesson that relates to recycling.