

GREEN GAZETTE

Voice of the PCCS Green Team

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Thank you for reading our first issue!

Get creative with recycled holiday crafts! Click [HERE](#) for some great ways to turn trash into treasure.

Green Gift Wrapping!

In the gift-intensive weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's, Americans throw away a *million* tons of extra garbage (Lilienfield, 1998). A lot of this additional waste is gift wrapping. Here are some great ways to produce less waste as you give gifts this holiday season!

- Re Use your gift paper; gift bags are especially easy to reuse!
- Wrap gifts with cloth, bandannas or fabric bags.
- Recycle gift wrapping, and make sure to buy recycled wrapping paper.
- Use newspapers to wrap, or use grocery bags and make bows out of colorful magazines.
- Give gifts that don't need wrapping, like experiences or gift cards.

This year, enjoy the gifts without the waste!



Green Gift Ideas

The holidays are a time of giving. We've compiled some ideas for eco-friendly presents that show your love for your family and friends while also showing love for the earth! Try giving...

- Cloth Napkins (so you can reuse it over and over again)
- Potted Herbs are an eco friendly gift.
- Fabric Shopping Bags (saves plastic from going into the landfill)
- Experiences (tickets to a play, for example).
- Decorative birdhouses or feeders can help wildlife while beautifying a yard.
- Look for fair-trade, recycled or upcycled products.
- Shop Used — buy gifts at the Holiday Bazaar to give new life to used items.



Owls are perfectly adapted night time hunters.



Owl Fun Facts

The eyes of an owl are not true "eyeballs." Their tube-shaped eyes are completely immobile, providing binocular vision which fully focuses on their prey and boosts depth perception. • There are around 200 different owl species. • Owls are nocturnal (active at night). • A group of owls is called a parliament. • Most owls hunt insects, small mammals and other birds; some species hunt fish. • Owls have powerful talons that help them catch and kill prey. • Owls can turn their heads much as 270 degrees. • Owls are farsighted, meaning they can't see things close to their eyes clearly. • Owls are very quiet in flight compared to other birds of prey.

Learn more about owls at the Owl Prowl, 5:30 pm on December 20. RSVP required; email nhershiser@pccharterschool.org to register!