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# Local School Rewarded for Recycling

## Nearly 40,000 Aluminum Cans Recycled & Diverted from Landfill

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Jan. 31, 2008—Rumpke Recycling and SeaWorld/Busch Gardens recently honored St. Michael School in Worthington for their recycling efforts in the Recycle Challenge program.

Rumpke Recycling presented \$585 to the school during an assembly as a reward for the school recycling 39,780 aluminum cans, or 1,170 pounds, since November 2007. St. Michael School is one of 16 Greater Columbus schools participating in the Recycle Challenge, an aluminum can fund-raising program. Recycling this many aluminum cans saves the energy equivalent of 1,865 gallons of gas, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

“St. Michael School demonstrated a tremendous commitment to recycling through the Recycle Challenge,” said Micheal Short, Rumpke’s Recycle Challenge coordinator. “Rumpke Recycling hopes they continue this positive trend and that other schools join the recycling effort.”

The Recycle Challenge is a nationwide program encouraging local schools to collect aluminum cans for additional funding. Students, faculty, families and the community can contribute to a recycling container located on school property. Rumpke Recycling and SeaWorld/Busch Gardens sponsor the two Ohio programs in Columbus and Cincinnati. Rumpke Recycling collects the cans and pays schools according to the volumes collected. Other cities in Georgia, Indiana, Missouri and Texas currently host the program.

Interested schools must complete the Recycle Challenge application available at [www.rumpkerecycling.com](http://www.rumpkerecycling.com). More information is available by calling 1-888-786-7531, ext. 7299.

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