

Computers reuse project

Save the earth expand the brain power of our region

Immediate Press Announcement

Welsh Valley Middle School

Wednesday May 19, 2009

9 am- 12:00 am

Teamchildren an Audubon based non profit organization has collected repaired and distributed over 8,000 low cost refurbished computers to families, schools and organizations throughout the Delaware Valley region, and even some around the world. This is made possible by generous contributions of computers and the assistance of amazing volunteers who help refurbish and redistribute the computers.

For the second year in a row, Welsh Valley Middle School students involved in their Technology Student Association (TSA) are committed to making a positive contribution to the environment and local community. TSA is student club that is dedicated to having the young people in our develop broad technological literacy to become responsible, participating, healthy and successful citizens. As part of the Lower Merion School District's (LMSD) technology education program, TSA helps students acquire and apply design, problem solving, and teaming and leadership skills.

This year's project is to research how computers are disposed of in the United States both legally and illegally and then partner with an organization and start an annual township collection so as to both funnel used computers to people who can use them and make sure broken computers are disposed of in a ethical and environmentally friendly and legal fashion.

After much research and vetting, the WVMS TSA Environmental Team was very pleased to form a partnership with Team Children and begin the process of setting up a collection dated that will benefit many communities all at the same time.

On May 20th, from 9am to 12 pm, at Welsh Valley Middle School in the upper parking lot by the office, anyone in the community will be able to donate old and broken computers to WVMS TSA and Team Children. Computers that can work will be given to needy families. Computers that are broken and cannot be fixed will be recycled and disposed of legally and ethically according to EPA guidelines with collaborating companies who practice removal along these guidelines.

Please consider helping Team Children and needy families along with protecting our environment by disposing of computers in the most environmentally friendly way. If you have any questions please contact the WVMS TSA Advisor Matt Birch at 610-658-3920, or birchm@lmsd.org.