

Press Release

PARK CITY MAGNET SCHOOL'S GREEN SQUAD TACKLES SCHOOL-WIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

*Project findings to be presented at Wheelabrator's Symposium for
Environment and Education in Florida*

Bridgeport, CT – April 9, 2010 – A first of its kind effort, Park City Magnet's Green Squad has set up a school-wide recycling program in order to reduce waste, conserve resources, and learn about the economics of supply and demand. The squad is devoted to educating students, teachers and visitors about how PCM can affect this important environmental issue.

The PCM Green Squad records data and organizes documentation to prepare for a presentation at the Wheelabrator National Symposium in Florida to take place **May 4-7, 2010**. The squad's goals include: demonstrating that responsible recycling is possible in the city, exploring any economic benefit to the municipality and its citizens through recycling, and serving as the model school-wide recycling program for the district.

Each school area, classroom and office has received material in order to provide information about the recycling bin's proper use. Park City Magnet's Recycling Crew picks up the classroom and office bins **twice a week**, brings them to the designated areas. Items in each bin are then sorted to ensure that no inappropriate materials have been included. Next, the reclaimed materials are delivered to the onsite recycling dumpster. When the recycling dumpster is full it is picked up and brought to the local recycling plant where it is weighed and dropped off for processing.

The Green Squad has also started a compost pile which will be used for plantings in the spring. A Seaside Beach and Beardsley Park cleanup will be conducted in order to build local appreciation for our natural resources and recreation areas.

Wheelabrator Technologies has sponsored this program to foster environmental and social awareness in the youth of its client communities. Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. is a world leader in the safe and environmentally sound conversion of municipal solid waste - and other renewable waste fuels - into clean energy. The Wheelabrator Symposium for Environment and Education has become the centerpiece of the company's community relations program. The program runs during the academic year with each sponsored school working on an issue which affects everyone and requires a broad, realistic perspective of the impact of society on the environment. Students are charged with coming up with flexible and creative solutions to real-world problems. Students work on projects and prepare a presentation about projects and solutions to a panel of educators, government officials and local community volunteers. Not only do the students do their part to improve the environment, they are also gain tremendous experience in public speaking, multi-media presentations and interaction with community and government officials.

The mission of the Bridgeport Public Schools and its supporting community is to graduate all students “college ready” and prepared to succeed in life. For more information about Bridgeport Public Schools visit our website at www.bridgeportedu.com.