



Solo® Cup Brigade® Spotlight Location

Stevens Creek Elementary School

Columbia County, GA



**Number of People
Collecting:**
700



**Units
Collected:**
18,935



**Points
Earned:**
37,870

Tell us about your school.

We are Stevens Creek Elementary School, a public school in Columbia Country, GA. We have been collecting drink pouches and recycling soda cans and paper products for several years, but this year we decided that the Red Cardinals would go GREEN! We have increased our recycling efforts to include paper products, plastics #1-5, and tin and aluminium cans, we are collecting for 26 different brigades through TerraCycle, we compost in our cafeteria, and we have plans to start a garden this spring.

Why do you participate in the Solo Cup Brigade? How do you involve your school?

We noticed that the small cups that are used in our cafeteria were all #6 Solo cups and they had been going directly to the trash. We have kept 438 pounds of plastic out of the trash through the Solo Cup Brigade. Our students are very involved in our recycling efforts. We have several students from each grade level that volunteer during lunch to collect and empty the #6 Solo cups and then several other students who volunteer most every afternoon to sort and stack the cups to be shipped to TerraCycle.

Tell us how you like to spend your points.

We spend the majority of our points to support the Spanish, Art and Music programs at our school. We have also used points to purchased

Terracycled products to be used as prizes for Green contests that our school has had for the students, and during the holiday season our Recycling Club decided to donate some of our points to purchase meals for the homeless through Feeding America.



Tell us a story about your most exciting, memorable, or inspiring moment in collecting for the Solo Cup Brigade.

Through the combined efforts of composting and collecting #6 Solo cups our students are learning valuable lessons that will stay with them for a lifetime. They are not only helping our earth by reducing the amount of plastic that goes in the landfills, but they are also reducing the amount of wasted food products that end up in landfills.

