

Supporting Colorado Education



A wise school board parent recently stated “Education can change culture, but only in so far as **educators** are transformed.” **Red Apple Recycling** is an independent Colorado-based, nonprofit corporation supporting education by helping fund wellness and sustainability programs in our local schools. These programs are critically important to Colorado education but are rarely included within the state’s education budget system. **Red Apple Recycling** raises funds primarily by donations of unwanted clothing and shoes from our local communities.

Red Apple Recycling came into existence because of this simple philosophy: change the way we *think*, and future initiatives become achieved goals. Thousands of pounds of clothing and shoes end up in our Colorado landfills everyday simply because it’s the easy way to clean out our closets. Well now you can support Colorado education AND help “green” our state simply by dropping those unwanted clothes and shoes into a **Little Red Schoolhouse**.

Here is how the process works: when you drop your clean used clothing and shoes in a **Little Red Schoolhouse**, the clothes are then collected and sold to a local textile company who then sorts and prepares the goods for new owners across the globe. “What about my used or well worn clothing?” Yes!! Pre-owned clothing can be recycled in many ways such as converting it into a clean sanitized wiping rag. (this also helps prevent our trees from being harvested to produce paper wiping products...which also crowd our local landfills). **Red Apple Recycling**, in turn, utilizes net proceeds from the deposited clothing to help fund sustainability programs in Colorado schools.

Some examples of our current and future projects in our local schools are recycling programs, composting projects, improved drinking water, added nutrition in meal plans, recycled material purchases, tree planting, efficient resource landscaping, and other related initiatives. For additional details and a complete list of **Little Red Schoolhouse** locations, please check out our website at [www. redapple recycling.com](http://www.redapple recycling.com).

You can help!

After **Thursday, November 19th**, look for a **Little Red Schoolhouse** on the west side of *Lincoln Elementary* near the playground. A recent grant of \$750.00 was given to the school for their pilot recycling/composting programs, and future grants are pending for next year. **You can help!** Cleaning out your closets and spreading the good news to your friends and neighbors will help speed future funding along. Please help **Red Apple Recycling** and *Lincoln Elementary* by depositing **ONLY** clean used clothing and shoes. (**We do not accept furniture or household items at this time.**) Thank you for your support!