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Mission Adopt-A-Block Society's

School Litter Audit Program

**Environmental Activity
for Mission Elementary
Schools (District #75)**

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*“Developing positive
environmental awareness
because...*

*Today's children are
tomorrow's stewards of
the Earth.”*



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Attention: Elementary Schools (District #75)

The Mission Adopt-A-Block Society would like to offer your school a chance to participate in what we hope will be an important addition to your curriculum. Our litter audit program allows your students to take an active role in being responsible for the cleanliness of their own schoolyard and expands their knowledge about litter and the consequences of it in the environment.

The enclosed material outlines a basic 'litter audit' activity agenda. All material and ideas can be adjusted to suit particular age groups. The program consists of the following: an in class litter awareness question period and safety talk, a school yard cleanup period (including the completion of a litter audit) and an evaluation and discussion period following the clean up. The total anticipated time to complete all the activities is about two hours, but can be modified to suit class time restrictions. We provide all the necessary clean-up implements, including safety vests for the students to wear (an essential safety measure when students are around traffic).

A litter audit activity is an excellent means to measure your school's environment social responsibility status – and can help reduce the amount of litter found on or around school property by teaching students about poor waste management behaviors and the importance to be responsible for their own trash.





School District # 75 School Litter Audit Program Details:

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Proposed Activities:

1. Initially, a discussion will be held with the students to introduce them to the problems and solutions regarding litter around the community and in particular their school grounds. (Activities initiated by the teachers in advance could assist the students in understanding and becoming aware of the conditions of their outdoor environment at school and at home).
2. A discussion is held with the students regarding the safe handling of the litter and the use of the litter pick-up tools and safety vests that Adopt-A-Block provides.
3. Students can then be divided into teams of three and assigned areas of the school grounds or street section near the school to conduct a 15-20 minute clean-up activity.
4. Items to be picked up are recorded and categorized on tally sheets. One student picks up litter items with tongs, the second team member carries the disposal bag and the third team member records the item on the tally sheet. They are encouraged to change position every five minutes. Litter is weighed and dumped on to tarmac to be observed. (Litter will then be properly disposed.)
5. Back in class students can display their data on bar graphs or by other visual means that are appropriate for their age group. The class can pool their data to arrive at the total number and greatest amount of items found, on one large graph. (The graph can make an interesting hall or classroom display.) The audit is ended with a discussion about the types of litter found, and possible solutions to reduce litter on the schoolyard, at home and the community.
6. Finally, students are encouraged to develop an action plan aimed at increasing awareness of and participation in litter control efforts.

School Litter Audit – Registration Form

1	School Name:
2	Class Grade or Student Group:
3	Teacher or Leader:
4	Contact Information (Teacher/Leader): *Phone: *Email: School Address:
5	How many students in the class/group and ages of students?
6	Will ALL students in your class or group be able to participate in the litter clean-up activity? If no, please explain...
7	Has your class or student group been active or currently active in litter control efforts in and around your school yard or the community? Please share...
8	Has your class or student group participated in a Mission Adopt-A-Block education activity or other community clean-up event in the past? Please share...
9	Would you be interested in receiving information on other Mission Adopt-A-Block education activities? Upcoming events? Newsletters? <i>If so, please include email address.</i>
10	*To be completed by classroom teacher and/or student group leader –submit to the Mission Adopt-A-Block coordinator by email missionadoptablock@gmail.com OR by mail: Attention: School Litter Audit Program, The Mission Adopt-A-Block Society, Box 3245 Mission, B.C. V2V 4J4 OR Call (604) 826-9423 for more information.

(Example)


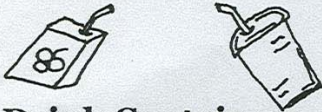
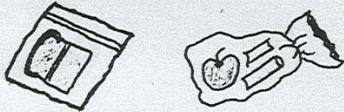
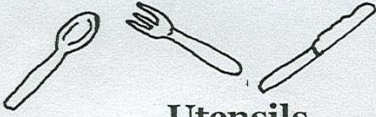






Mission Adopt-A-Block - LITTER AUDIT

Name(s):

Date:

School:

Teacher:

What did you find?	How much?	TOTAL?
1.  Food Packaging		
2.  Drink Containers		
3.  Sandwich Wrapper		
4.  Utensils		
5.  Paper		
6.  Food		
7.  Cardboard		
8.  Glass		
9.  Metal		
10.  Other		