

**Don't be bitter don't
drop litter**

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Our goal

We are highly passionate about keeping our school clean. We are going to ask to have metal trash cans outside the school as well. We are going to be keeping the cleanups once every month that way we are staying consistent, and keeping our word within our community.



Some reasons that why people litter?

The biggest reason and most important :

- Laziness (Love Carlow et al., September 21 2021)
- Some people simply litter because there isn't a trash can nearby.
- People litter because they do not feel responsible for public areas like streets and parks.





What are the most commonly-Littered items?



- Cigarette butts
- Food Wrappers
- Plastic bottles
- Disposable cups
- Grocery bags
- Straws
- Beverage Cans
- Tire and vehicle debris

(Taylor et al., July 2016)



Effects of littering

Indigenous Worldviews on Mother Earth.

Mother Earth provides us with our

- Food
- Clean water sources
- Materials for our homes
- Clothes
- Tools.

She provides all living organisms with raw materials for our industry, ingenuity and progress.



Effects on Wildlife

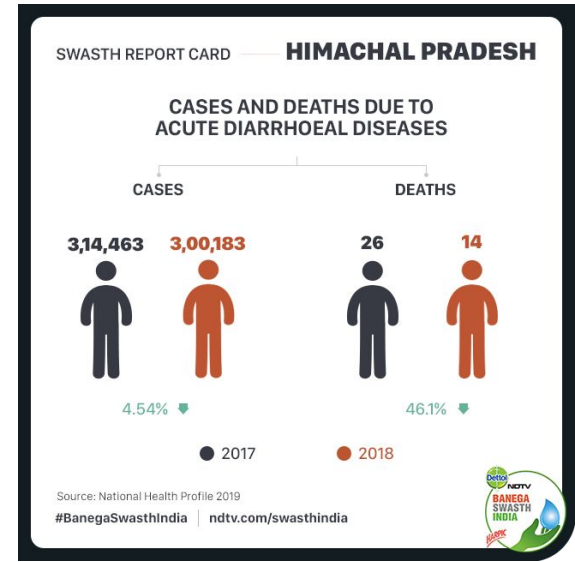
- Ends up in tissues of organisms (Browne et al., 2008)
- Microplastic in fish larvae (Steer et al., 2017)
- Chemicals end up in the environment (Teuten et al., 2009)



Health

I wanna talk about the human health risks more specifically within Himachal Pradesh

-Potential occupational health hazards of workers associated with MSW in India (Prannoy et al ., August 2018)



Our Plan



Our posters to spread the awareness and to get more volunteers to help us!

Poster one

Was made to reach out to the our school community about our cleanups giving general information.

Poster two

Was used to prevent littering in different areas around the school.

CLEAN UP DAY
Wed. December 15th

□ volunteers are needed to help collect trash from the school field area □

□ meet us at the Rotunda at lunch if you would like to join us □

bring sanitary equipments

A green recycling symbol consisting of three arrows forming a triangle.

**DON'T BE BITTER,
DON'T DROP
LITTER.**

**Cleaning spaces.
Creating happy faces.**

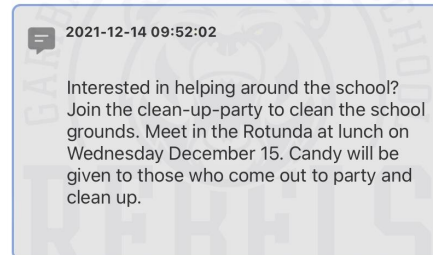
A red circle with a diagonal slash over a white silhouette of a person dropping trash.

**Put trash in
its place**



How we shared our action plan with others?

1. We made announcement posters to gather more people to help us with our clean up.
2. We placed the posters inside and outside our school.
3. Our teacher helped us make announcements through the school app.



We ran into problems here and there

We ran into some hurdles here and there. More so our posters for the cleanup went missing or got taken down. But that didn't stop us.



Clean up one Dec/15/2021



CLEAN UP AROUND OUR SCHOOL (Action Plan)

👍 Dec/15/2021

We got two of our school counselors to help us with our clean up. With all this great team work this clean up was actually so fun.



What worked? What didn't? (first cleanup) ✓ - ✗

What Worked: We had a diverse amount of people

We had an even amount of people

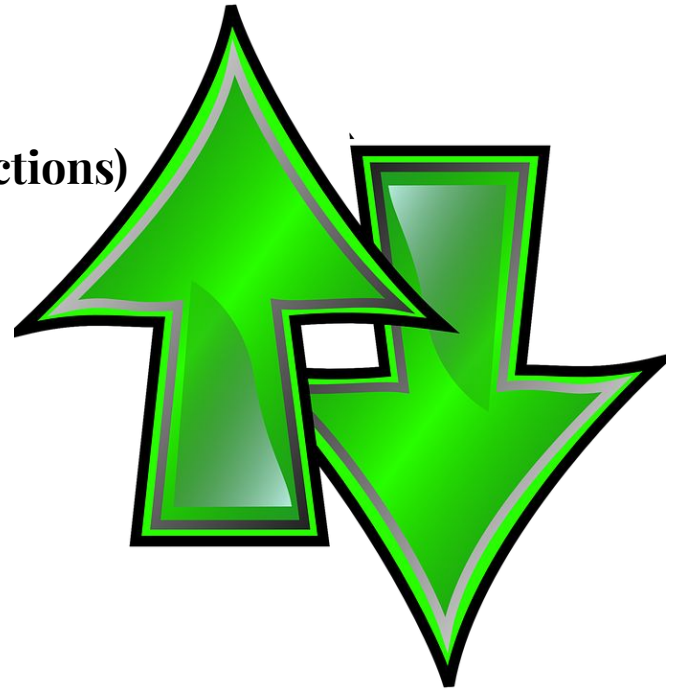
We had most of our friends there to help us (Connections)

What didn't work:

Lack of equipment

Unprepared (lack of time)

Announcements did not really help out a lot.



Comments from people who participated in this event (Dec/15)

- Before participation - 🤔

① " Just leave it to the school cleaners, i don't see the point in doing it."

② " GSS is not that dirty"

③ " Just lazy"

- After participation - 🤔

① I didn't expect GSS to have such a large amount of trash, so I'm glad I participated.

② I decided to stop littering, which I had done a few times.

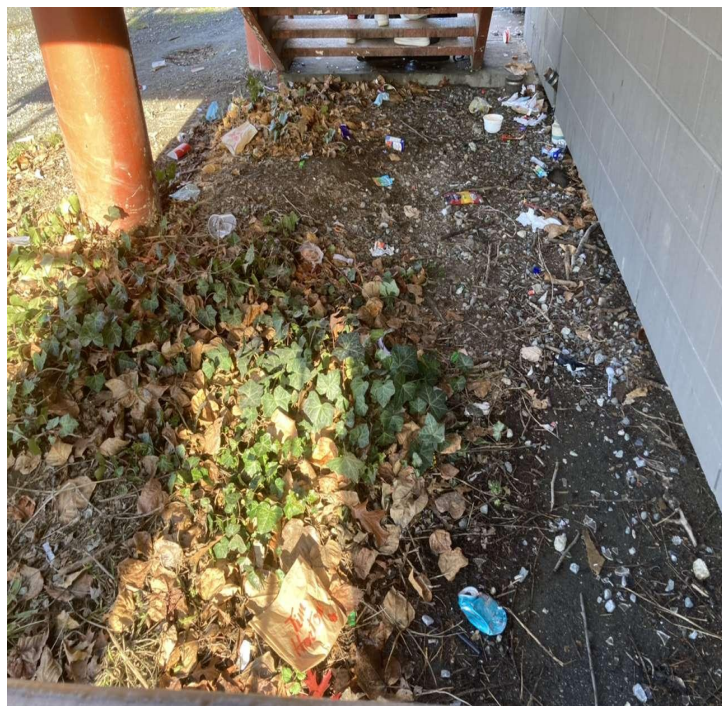
③ The garbage in the Tim Horton cup was a little more noticeable, where it was convenient, i had to remember the there are problems like this.



Clean up 2 Jan/14/2022



Before vs after Jan/14/2022



Cleanup Jan/14/2022

The cleanup went according to plan!

- **There was less garbage to pick up compared to cleanup one**
- **Everyone enjoys helping**
- **We're seeing improvement in the areas of school**
- **Everyone was participating and being very passionate about the cleanup**



Comments from people who participated in this event (Jan/14)

- Before participation - 🤔

① We hope it's better than the first cleanup

② it's really bad, the garbage is making me grossed out

③ we can do this!

- After participation - 🤔

①- Surprisingly not as bad as last time

② -good job guys

③- There's barely any garbage in the bags



What worked and what didn't work Jan/14/2022

What worked!

- We had good amounts of equipment
- Good amount of people
- We offered volunteer hours

What didn't work

- Announcements

Posters for the different locations to try to prevent litter



How we can Stop/reduce littering

1. **Take your food wrappings, drink containers, newspapers and other potential litter home with you.**
2. **Try to use the 96-gallon bins provided in the city's streets and parks.**
3. **Fine for littering.**

