

L'Anse Middle School



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2008 - 09

School Year Team:

- ◆ 4 teachers
- ◆ 7th grade
- ◆ 60 students



Highlights

- ◆ Video Production
- ◆ Beach, Park, and Street Clean-up
- ◆ Waste Reduction and Composting at School
- ◆ Storm Drain Stenciling

Project Overview:

Working together with the community, L'Anse Middle School's Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative (LSSI) project is designed to teach people of all ages the responsibilities and rewards of growing up within the Lake Superior Watershed. Students will be putting together an educational video to inform the community of the correct ways to take care of the exceptional resource that is available to us.

Students will also take responsibility through participating in a waste reduction project at school. This project will include collecting vegetable waste from the cafegymnasium, teacher's lounges and offices. Combined with leaves and grass clippings from the Village, they will be used to create a compost pile. Finished compost will be used in flowerbeds around the school and throughout the community.

Another project goal project is to clean up community's beaches, parks, and village streets. By charting the different types of waste, students will be able to target the source of pollution and then do something about it.

Community Partners:

- ◆ Village of L'Anse
- ◆ L'Anse Township
- ◆ L'Anse Sentinel
- ◆ Downtown Development Authority

DUMP NO WASTE



DRAINS TO LAKE



Middle School Students Teaching Others Through Instructional Video

**October, 2009 at
First Sand Beach,
Second Sand Beach,
and L'Anse Waterfront
Park, students found:**

- ◆ Air mattress, tire, fan
- ◆ Bench seat from a van
- ◆ Dirty diapers
- ◆ Hundreds of rusty cans
- ◆ 1,000 cigarette butts
- ◆ Many bags of other trash



Think about it!

By the way, if your drinking water comes from Keweenaw Bay, the next time you get a glass of water, think about what that water trickled through before it got into the lake.

- - - Teacher Quote

Adopt a beach, and what do you find?



2008-2009 School Year Project Timeline

Students introduced to differences between **watershed** and **waterway**.

Teachers plan new direction for 2009—2010 school year.

Storm drain stenciling in Village.

