Greetings from your Students
Teachers and Volunteers

Recycling and Reducing Waste in our Daily Lives

*"What happens after you leave your trash on the streets, **rivers** or landfills?"*

International Volunteer Hannah asked this great question that launched a school-wide exploration of how our students and their communities can safely manage their trash. And how everyone can REDUCE –REUSE – RECYCLE.

Signs of Change ~ Clean City Award for Pursat and School-wide Clean Campus

And perfect timing….*These school-wide workshops and activities are exactly what the Cambodia Government is asking local schools to develop in their new campaign for Clean Cities! Like many countries around the world, Cambodia has much to benefit in keeping clean environments in the streets, the rivers, the fields and the air!*
A Clean and Beautiful Cambodia helps Cambodians and Welcomes Visitors!

Teacher Buntheary *(right) "My experiences about the Student Report Activities:*

- *We can reduce plastic bags, save money, save energy.*
- *Students can know about 3R (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) and practice it at home.*
- *Students can understand burning plastic is dangerous.*
- *Students can make old things to use again and have creative ideas."*

How do we start? We can learn to practice safe WASTE MANAGEMENT.

Number #1: DO NOT BURN PLASTIC TRASH!

An animated YouTube story created in the Khmer language demonstrates key concerns

Peace Corp Volunteer Katie Strong produced this video with Cambodian Phare Ponlue Selpak.

Our students and teachers learned fundamental reasons why burning plastic is dangerous. We know that we cough and feel badly. Now we know why. Burned plastic releases **Dioxins** that pollute the air and injure our lungs. This knowledge is life-changing for all people, animals and crops.

Number #2: WE CAN SORT AND RECYCLE MUCH OF OUR TRASH.

Create and use bins to sort Paper, Food, Compost, Plastic, Cans and Non-Recyclables

Compost can improve the soil in our school & home gardens.

Where do Recycled Materials go?

At this time, Cambodia does not have major recycling centers. Most plastic bottles and other recyclables are taken to Phnom Penh where they are sent to major processing centers in Viet Nam.

How do we REDUCE and REUSE every day?

WE CAN USE OUR OWN BAGS instead of plastic bags.
Plastic bags are even used for getting drinks and everything else at the market. Our students have great ideas of how to carry their own bags to reduce the need for plastic bags!

WE CAN SAVE NATURAL RESOURCES.
Use back of paper for more school work and notes
Repair broken things
Wash and reuse cups
Buy food and supplies without packaging
Turn off computer, lights, fans to save energy
Save water by taking short baths
Use plastic bottles for containers

Recycling Contest and Party

Teacher *San (right) with his students who won the contest! San said, "I can help my students share their new knowledge to their families and friends in order to join together to help environment and economy."*

How do we REUSE and RECYCLE to create Beauty every day?

Flower Decorations

Making Planters

Mouse Traps *made from plastic bottles, wood and wire*
Jump Ropes *woven from plastic bags*

Introducing New Book Worm Reading Club

During her time as an onsite International Volunteer, Cerrie has championed far-reaching projects in partnership with SC's Team, including the launching of the *Book Worm Reading Club*.

SC's Librarians are working side-by-side with volunteers Cerrie and Carolyn and ED Team members to build enthusiasm and sustainable success for our English language students. As "reading and conversation buddies" and as independent learners, these *Book Worms* are experiencing the joy of reading and loving books.

Library reading sessions aims:

- to support and empower students and staff by developing their English reading, speaking, pronunciation and writing skills
- to introduce students to a wider vocabulary and develop their conversation skills
- to use all reading resources in our libraries

Reading activities & games: