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One Faith Grade Speaks Out

Public School 94
The David D. Porter School
41-77 Little Neck Parkway
Little Neck, NY 11363
JoAnn Barbeosch, Principal

March 29, 2004

The Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor, City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Mayor,

We are writing to you for two reasons. First, we would like to thank you for your decision to have glass recycled in New York City again. In addition, we are writing to ask for your support in our efforts to educate manufacturers about the need to reduce the amount of packaging they are using for their products.

Here at P.S. 94, we have been working hard as members of the Recycling Squad to make sure that all paper and plastic is properly recycled and reused. We teach all the children and adults in our school how to sort properly. We are also responsible for collecting the clean recyclable paper to use in the Cozy Comfort Cushions that are designed, produced and sold right here by our very own students. Paper with writing on only one side is cut up and used to write phone messages and memos on. The reintroduction of glass recycling will help us to recycle and reuse even more, and we're very happy about that.

We are not happy, however, about the unnecessary packaging used for many of the products we often buy, like CDs and toys. We have been writing letters to some of the companies we have identified that do this, and we are asking them to think about how all that packaging affects our environment. Maybe if we tell them about our concerns, they will understand how important it is and change the way they package the things they sell. Our hope is that you will also try to educate the people who run these large companies about the need to reduce the waste that clogs our landfills. As Mayor of our city, you have the power to get this message to many more people than we ever could. Please help us, so our children will be able to live in a clean city.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Members of the Recycling Squad, P.S. 94 Q (see attached list of signatures)

CC: Senator Frank Padavan
Councilman Tony Avella
Assemblywoman Ann Margaret Carrozza
Bill Keller, Executive Editor, New York Times

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March 29, 2004

Mr. Bill Keller, Executive Editor
The New York Times
229 West 43rd Street
New York, NY 10036-3959

Dear Mr. Keller:

Enclosed please find a letter that the members of the P.S. 94 Recycling Squad have written to Mayor Bloomberg thanking him for reinstating glass recycling in our city. We are also asking for his support in trying to convince manufacturers to reduce the amount of packaging they use for their products. We feel very strongly about this environmental issue and hope that you will also support us in our efforts to bring about positive change.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Members of the Recycling Squad of P.S. 94, Queens
(see attached list of signatures)

March 29, 2004

New York City Councilman Tony Avella
38-50 Bell Blvd., Suite C
Bayside, NY 11361

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The Cozy Comfort
Company presents a check
to the Animal Haven shelter
in Flushing, New York.
Profits from the company
were used to make this
donation.

Companies such as West Point Stevens help out in the effort to reduce waste. This company donates pillowcases that they could no longer sell to The Cozy Comfort Company to use in our business.

March 1, 2004

West Point Stevens
Clemson Plant/Sample Dept.
Cherry Road
Clemson, S.C. 29631

Dear West Point Stevens,

Thank you very much for donating the pillow cases to our school. We appreciate that your company sends us pillow cases to help us out with our school business. We know that your company is concerned with environmental issues. As you know, we reduce and recycle paper by designing a product made from the school's recycled paper which we shred. We then decorate the pillow cases you send us with permanent magic markers and stuff the pillowcases with the shredded paper. We secure the whole thing with double rubber bands. The name of our product is called the "Cozy Comfort Cushion." We made a small profit by making a school based business out of the pillow company to help fund our Fifth grade activities. In the past your company has been generous enough to donate pillowcases. Whenever possible, we do mention the generosity of your company when we are interviewed by the media.

We cannot begin to thank you for your very generous donations of the past. The students were so excited because of your response to our letters the last couple of years. You have shown the Fifth grade students of P.S. 94 that there are companies that really care. Last year the Cozy Comfort company was able to make a generous donation to a local animal shelter with their profits. This year, however, our profits may have to be used for essential school supplies.

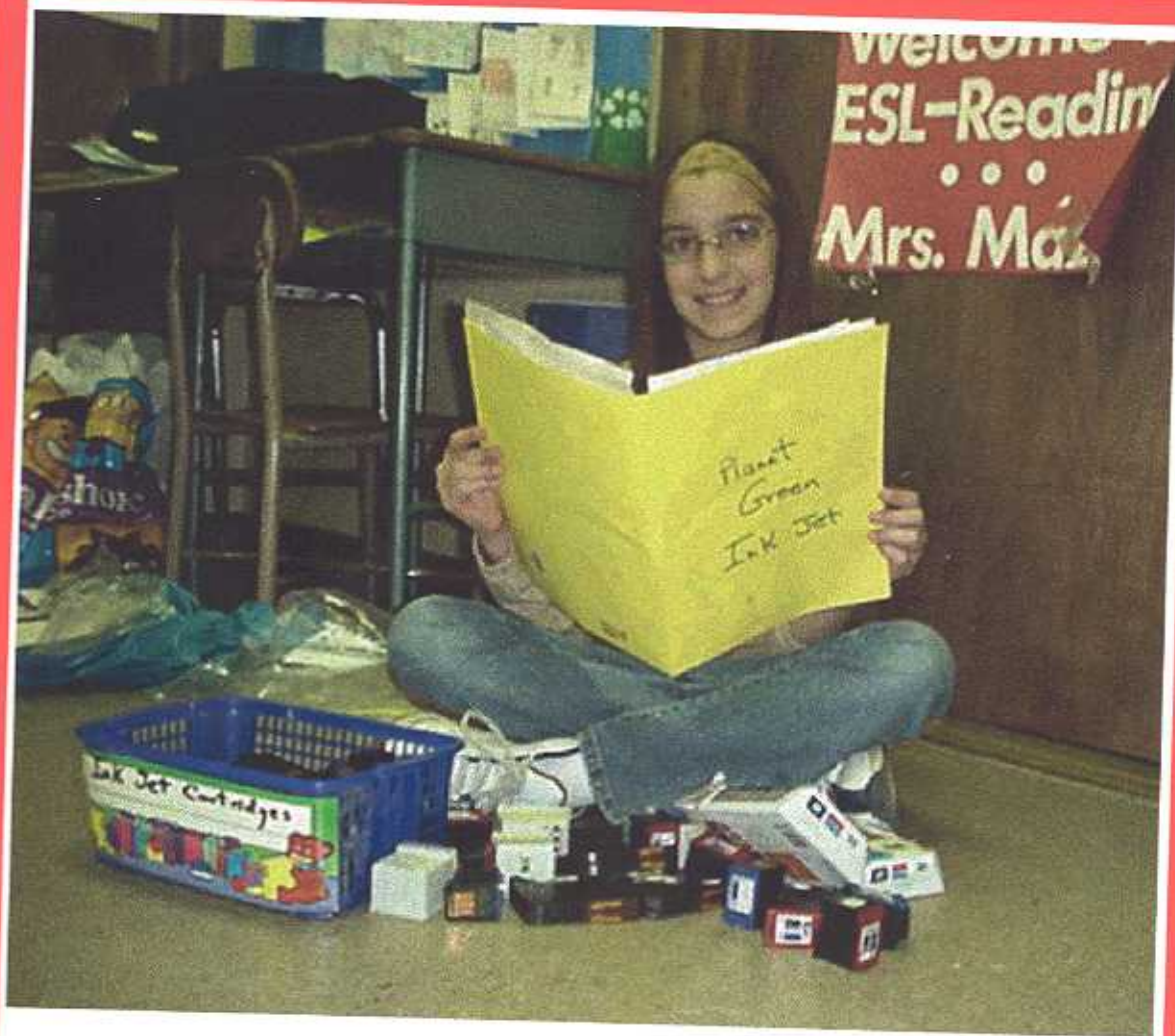
At this time we are in dire need of more pillowcases. It would be greatly appreciated if you could repeat your generous donations of the past. We are sending you one of our Cozy Comfort Cushions so that you can try one of our wonderful products.

Sincerely,

Corresponding Secretaries
Cozy Comfort Company
Hillary Berkowitz and Irene Kim



The Value Plastics Recycling factory in Freeport, New York is a regular contributor to our recycling effort. They donated the plastic tubing to us. This plastic tubing has been used in many art projects. Many students have taken home a batch of tubing to use at home as a backwash hose for their backyard pools. We always find uses for unwanted materials.



P.S. 94 also takes part in Planet Green's recycling of empty ink jet cartridges. The entire student body takes part in the project. We have raised money for the school with this recycling endeavor.



Second grade students use recycled 2-liter soda bottles to make water cycles. The science program uses as many recycled materials as possible.



**Third grade students
used plastic recycled
2-liter bottles to make a
model of a working
human lung.**



Fifth graders learned that recycled material can be a valuable art medium.

Announcing A Brand New Line of Cozy Comfort Critters. Introducing Crazy Legz and Baby Critters!

The Cozy Comfort business has been growing and expanding these past five years. The business has been eagerly passed down to each succeeding generation of 5th graders. Students adore the business and have the most wonderful time turning recycled paper into a useful exciting product. P.S. 94 is now launching new useful products made from recycled paper such as the Crazy Legz ladybugs, a stuffed ladybug with wild floppy legs. They're so popular, they're walking right off the shelves and into homes all over Little Neck. We can't keep up with the demand! We also have a new, affordable baby snake for the cost-conscious student. They're called Baby Snakes and cost a dollar less than the full-sized "Parent Snakes." Many of our parents have graciously donated unwanted materials and sewing notions to our cause. Students cut out all the patterns by themselves. Parents help students with the machine sewing required for the new critters. Students hand stitch the details and the final seam.



The Cozy Comfort Company Grows

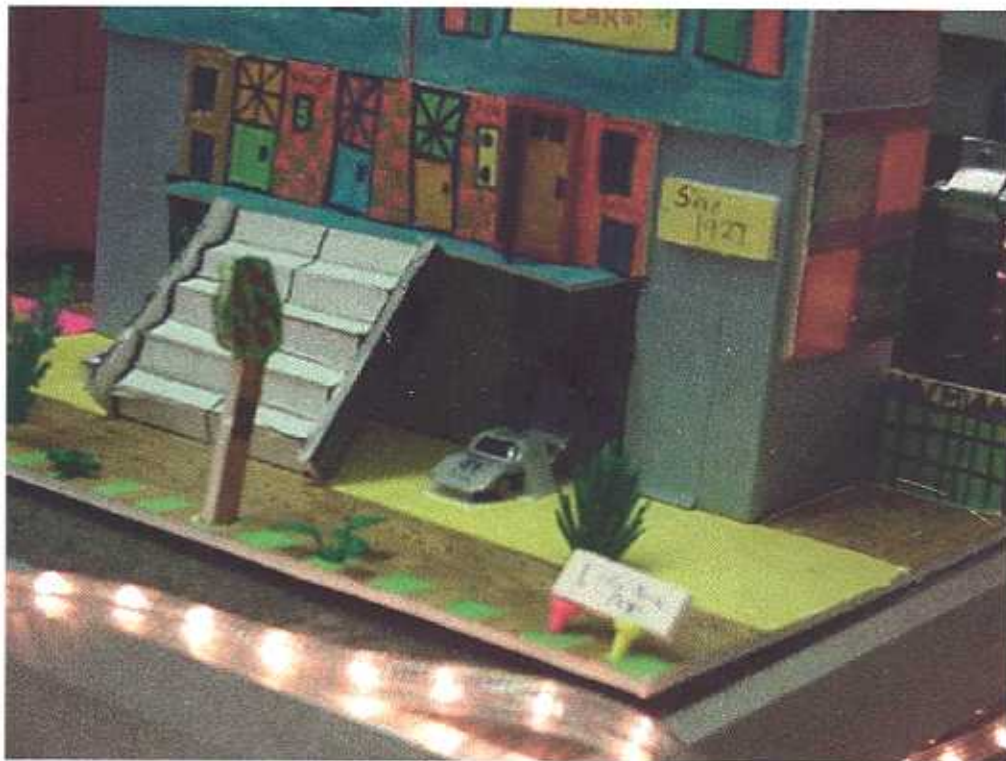
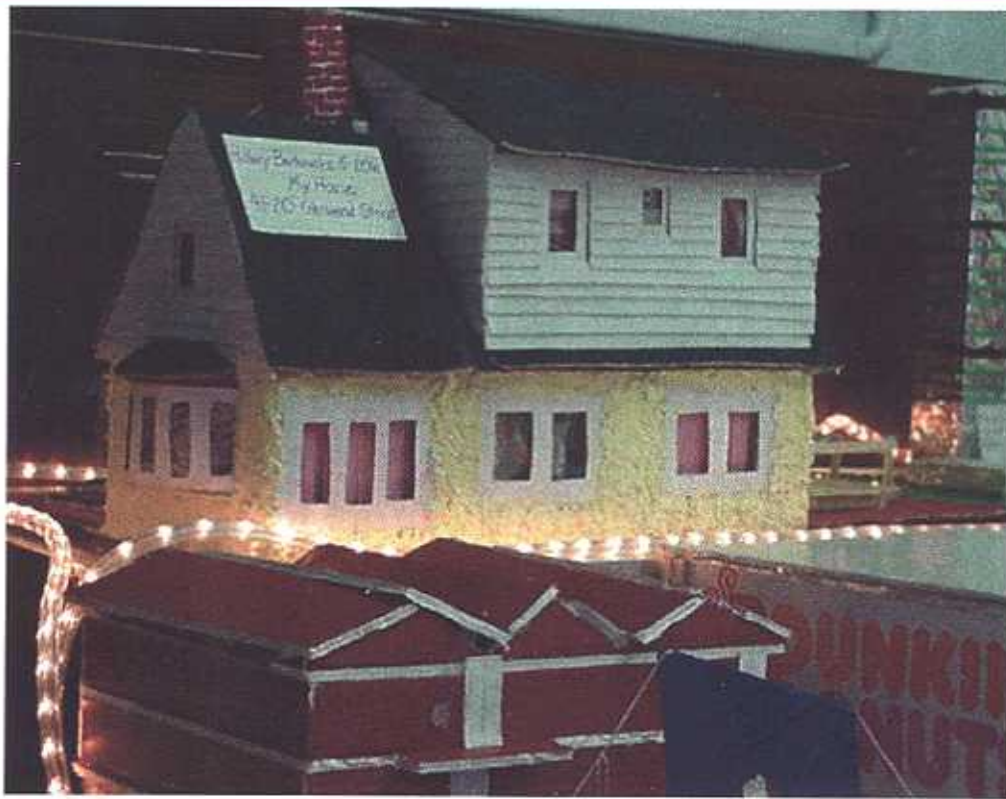
The Cozy Comfort Company continues to bring America new and wonderful products made from recycled classroom paper.

We continue to spread the word that recycling can not only benefit our beautiful planet, but useful products and profits can be made from recycled materials.



Our Math Enrichment teacher had students choose a building from the neighborhood and then recreate the building to scale out of recyclable materials.





 **FUTURECORPS**

**THIS
COMING
WEEK:**

**Look what
good things
kids are
doing at...**

■ **P.S. 94 in Little Neck** - First graders organize a book drive for donation to a special education school.



P.S. 94 students celebrate the 100th birthday of Dr. Seuss by donating books to others.





Our Art teacher, Eden Morris stands in front of the Reduce, Reuse and Recycling mosaic bulletin board made by second graders. This mosaic was made of entirely recycled materials, including the students recycled lunch materials.



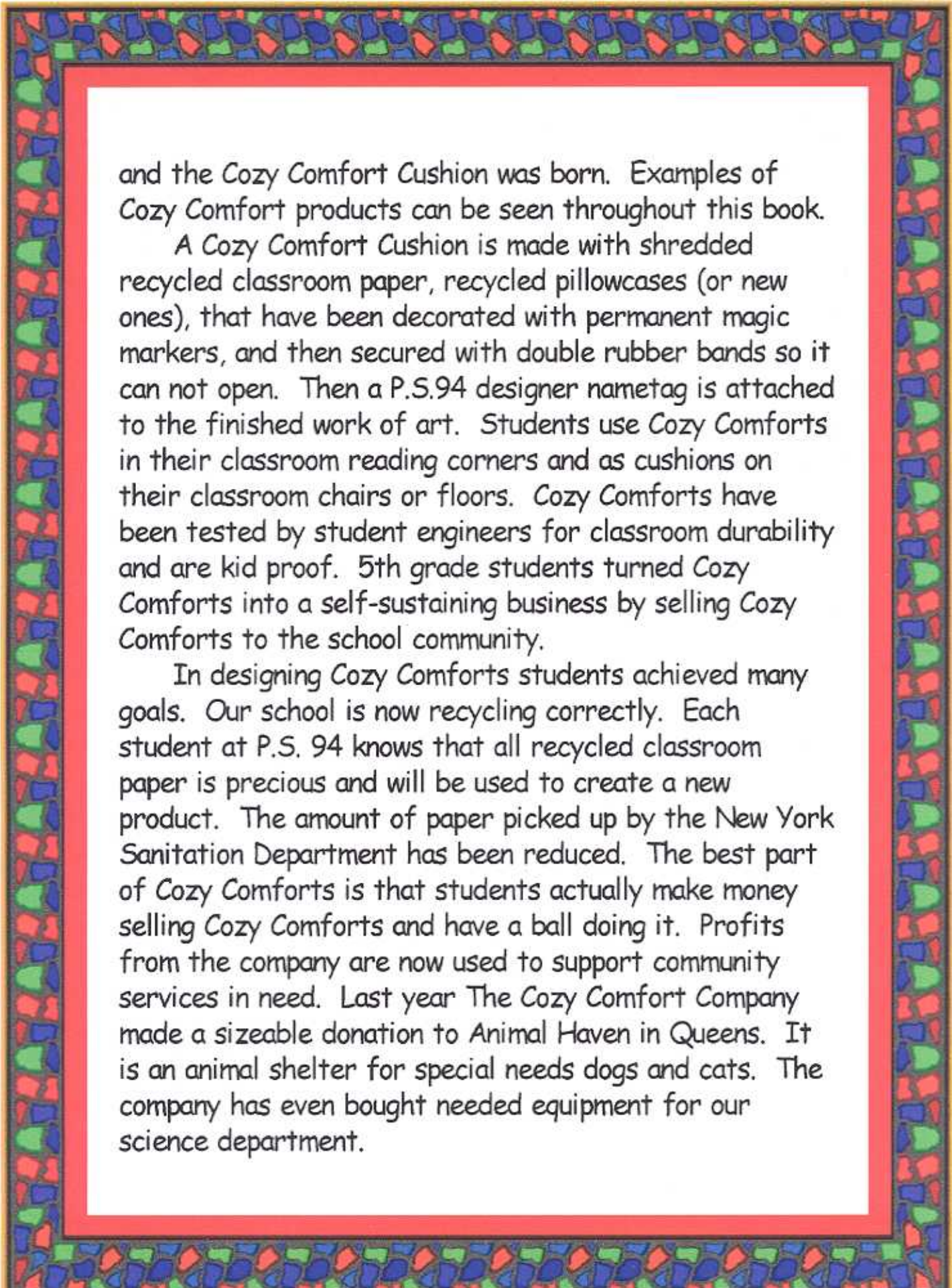


Students prepare recycled materials for the Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle mosaic.

A Wonderful Business Grows Out of Recycled Classroom Paper

It all started five years ago with a recycling problem. Danny, a 5th grade member of P.S.94's Recycling Squad, had the job of emptying the classroom recycling bins. P.S.94 had a recycling assembly to show students the correct way to recycle classroom paper. Recycling was going pretty well back then. A month later, Danny was finding soda cans, tissues, napkins, and old food in the paper recycling bins. Students had stopped recycling correctly. Danny did further investigating and found out from Kevin, our custodial worker, that he used to recycle 10 bags of recycled paper a week. Now he was recycling only one bag a week. Our school was known as a model of recycling throughout the district but our reputation was crumbling.

Danny knew we had a problem. He went to the other Recycling Squad members for help. The squad had to find a way to get students and teachers to recycle correctly. Mrs. Barbeosch, our principal, had a paper shredder and the squad thought that they could design something out of shredded paper that kids would want. They drew up designs of things we could make with shredded paper



and the Cozy Comfort Cushion was born. Examples of Cozy Comfort products can be seen throughout this book.

A Cozy Comfort Cushion is made with shredded recycled classroom paper, recycled pillowcases (or new ones), that have been decorated with permanent magic markers, and then secured with double rubber bands so it can not open. Then a P.S.94 designer nametag is attached to the finished work of art. Students use Cozy Comforts in their classroom reading corners and as cushions on their classroom chairs or floors. Cozy Comforts have been tested by student engineers for classroom durability and are kid proof. 5th grade students turned Cozy Comforts into a self-sustaining business by selling Cozy Comforts to the school community.

In designing Cozy Comforts students achieved many goals. Our school is now recycling correctly. Each student at P.S. 94 knows that all recycled classroom paper is precious and will be used to create a new product. The amount of paper picked up by the New York Sanitation Department has been reduced. The best part of Cozy Comforts is that students actually make money selling Cozy Comforts and have a ball doing it. Profits from the company are now used to support community services in need. Last year The Cozy Comfort Company made a sizeable donation to Animal Haven in Queens. It is an animal shelter for special needs dogs and cats. The company has even bought needed equipment for our science department.

How To Make A Cozy Comfort Cushion

- Shred three buckets of recycled classroom paper.
- Decorate pillowcase with permanent magic markers.
- Stuff pillowcase.
- Secure pillowcase with two rubber bands.
- Secure P.S.94 designer label onto pillowcase.
- Enjoy your work of art!



Recycled classroom paper is put in recycling bins by Recycling Squad members.



Shredders take recyclable classroom paper and shred the paper to be used as stuffing in Cozy Comfort products.



It's the stuffing department's turn to work on Cozy Comforts by stuffing each pillow with the perfect amount of shredded paper paper



Recycling Squad members go into classrooms regularly to teach younger students how to recycle properly.



P.S. 94's fourth grade
Junior Recycling Squad
members on duty at
every lunch hour!



Other fourth grade monitors instruct younger children on what is trash and what is recyclable. They do this every day.





Our expert drawers decorate Cozy Comfort cushions with permanent magic markers. They make Cozy Comfort cushions for many occasions such as birthdays and holidays. We even make them for pets.



The Cozy Comfort Company now advertises at all our assemblies. The company now has the Cozy Comfort Dancers who write their own lyrics and choreograph their own dance steps to encourage sales.