

Individual classroom contests and environmental lessons proved helpful in motivating the students to collect as many cans as possible. The contest was based on weight on a per pupil bases. A total of 666 pounds of cans were collected school-wide. This equals to be about 2.775 pounds of aluminum cans per student.

According to Newell, only first, second and third place winners received prizes.

Newell Recycling also awarded Amana Academy with \$300.00 to use toward environmental education resources. Amana is currently participating in Newell's Cans for Cash fundraising program.

In addition to winning a visit from SeaWorld and Busch Gardens for a second year in a row, Amana Academy has won many other environmental awards. In 2006 Amana Academy was named Environmental School of the Year by Keep Roswell Beautiful. Keep Roswell Beautiful also named Samantha Tunick as Environmental Educator of the Year for 2006. Earlier this year Vicky Castro was named the 2007 Outdoor Teacher of the Year by the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia (EEA). Amana was also awarded the Weyerhaeuser Excellence in School Recycling 2006 Award by the Georgia Recycling Coalition, Inc. and received \$1,500.00 for recycling programs and efforts.

More information about Newell Recycling's Recycle Challenge can be found at www.recyclechallenge.com or by contacting Linda Lott at 404-386-1427.

Amana Academy is in its second year of operation as a tuition-free Fulton County Public Charter School that currently offers grades K-7. Amana's innovative hands-on program emphasizes high academic achievement while specializing in promoting civic and environmental responsibility, equipping students with a firm command of Arabic, and incorporating Expeditionary Learning (EL) into the curriculum. Amana is Arabic for "a trust that needs to be guarded" and connotes "stewardship".

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