

MCPS PRINT SHOP MAXIMIZES USE OF RESOURCES WITH ECO-NOTEPADS

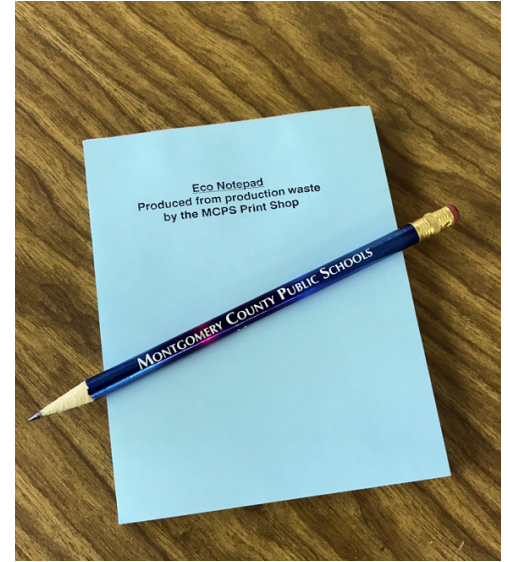
It all started when a Copy-Plus customer ordered way too many copies of a job by mistake last September. Supervisor Felix Ubiera recovered the extra pieces from the customer and, along with assistants Tony Pham and Jimmy Luong, devised a plan to use the wasted paper. The eco-notepads were born. The first set was created in November 2017.

The plan worked because the returned copies were one-sided. So, Copy-Plus was able to create notepads using the unprinted side of the paper. A few notepads were then thrown in with Copy-Plus orders. A DMM focus group exposed their popularity. One teacher shared that she uses them to solve math problems with her class.

The notepads have been streamlined to 50 sheets per pad and are 4.25" x 5.5". Production is a joint effort of all the units of the print shop:

- Copy-Plus and Custom Printing donate all their usable paper waste.
- Copy-Plus collects and collates all the waste paper (including 3-hole drilled and colored paper).
- The bindery fabricates the notepads.

The Print Shop collects one to three boxes of waste per month. Copy-Plus includes two Eco-Notepads in each delivery, when available. They are popular with our customers.



Another success story!