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## **2009 Can-Do Contest Winners From McDonough County**

**Macomb, Illinois, December 28, 2009** – Two of the schools that participated in the Tri-County Resource & Waste Management Council's (TCR&WMC) 2009 Can-Do Contest qualified for the grand prize trip to Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. Mrs. Gates' fourth grade class at West Prairie South Elementary School in Colchester collected over 3,657 pounds of aluminum and earned classroom cash of \$1,099. In Macomb, Mrs. Burnham's fourth grade class at St. Paul School gathered 2,855 pounds of cans and earned \$856 in cash.

By participating in the contest, the students' awareness was heightened to the challenges the environment faces and the impact they can have by recycling aluminum and thereby contributing to a more sustainable environment. It is the TCR&WMC's hope that by experiencing the Can-Do Contest, students will develop a life-long habit of recycling and realize that they can make their own positive imprint on the world.

The Can-Do Contest originated as a way to celebrate and educate students of America Recycles Day, November 15, a day designated to remind people nationwide of the importance of recycling. It provides a great opportunity to all who participate, students and community alike, by increasing awareness of recycling and its benefits to the environment, and by students earning classroom cash, making all classes winners.

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CAPTION: Pictured Mrs. Gates' fourth grade class from West Prairie South Elementary School.

CAPTION: Pictured is Mrs. Burnham and her fourth grade class from St. Paul School.