The Elm Grove Elementary fifth Grade class is participating in Recycle Forward, an innovative program that recycles used technology to raise money for new technology for schools, and is asking community members for help.

The school is recycling used smart and cell phones, inkjet and laser cartridges, laptops, PDAs, iPods, tablets, video game systems, video games, GPS Systems, DVD's, scientific and graphing calculators, LCD monitors and digital cameras.

The public can turn their trash into treasure while feeling good about helping the environment.

Most people have old cell phones to dispose of, and almost everyone uses cartridges, either at home or at work, in fax machines, copiers and printers. By donating these used items, they can assist Elm Grove Elementary with earning much needed funds to provide today's students with the technical education they need to thrive in tomorrow's workforce.

The school's drive will take place Jan. 13 through Feb. 15 with two drop off locations:

- Elm Grove Elementary School

1541 Old Hwy. 71, Elm Grove
Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- River Cities Express Car Wash

4320 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City (across from Parkway's football stadium)
Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Ask for Travis or Haley

Local businesses and corporations can also participate at no cost. Recycle Forward participants will receive postage-paid shipping labels for the return of the used items. All donations are tax deductible. If you are a business and want more information about starting your own recycling program please call 802-375-6721 ext. 209.

To learn more about Elm Grove Elementary's program, please call Tim Mallien at 318-549-6546 or tim.mallien@bossierschools.org.

Recycle Forward brings technology from closets to classrooms. It is an innovative recycling program that raises money for technology in schools. This program is a collaborative effort between Cartridges for Kids (www.cfktoday.com), a recycling program that pays cash to schools, and Digital Wish (www.digitalwish.org), a non-profit that works to bring technology into the hands of educators.

To learn more about Recycle Forward please visit www.recycleforwardnow.org