

Trashion Show – An Earth Day Celebration

Northglenn Middle School

Northglenn, CO



The goal of the Trashion Show - An Earth Day Celebration is to bring families and students together to learn about Adams 12 Five Star Schools conservation efforts while building community through a shared creative experience.

The Family Outreach Liaison collaborated with district sustainability staff to organize the informational part of this event. The liaison also contacted community partners to obtain the materials that were to be repurposed for the creative element. Other school staff who are passionate about sustainability and family engagement also helped with the event.

At the start of the Trashion Show, district sustainability staff presented information on how Adams 12 engages in conservation/repurposing efforts on a district scale. Families discussed with each other and their children how they might replicate some of those practices at the school and home level. Parents and their children then co-created creative outfits from repurposed recyclable materials. Materials that were repurposed included plastic grocery bags, floral decor made in art classes that were recycled after use, rope, yarn, cardboard rolls from paper towels, and more. Once completed, students walked the "catwalk" in their recycled outfits with their families as spectators. The event provided participants an opportunity to learn from each other, it connected to student learning, and was highly interactive and engaging. The planning team collected anecdotal feedback from attendees and plans to make changes accordingly for future events.



Trashion Show planners wanted to ensure that the event was intentionally linked to student learning. The Trashion Show had a direct connection to Science standards for middle school in the Earth Science category. Opening this event to the wider school community provided space for families to engage in a creative task alongside each other with their students as the experts. This built trust between families and district staff while also empowering parents as partners in their children's education.