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World Toilet Crisis

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Did you Know???

At Chief Sealth, in bathrooms throughout the school, there are “Green Toilets.” They are used to minimize the water usage by flushing for your need.

For a #1 flush, push the handle up, for #2 press down.

2.6 billion people don't have sanitation. That means 4 in 10 people have no access to any latrine, toilet, bucket or box. Instead, they defecate by train tracks and in forests. They do it in plastic bags and fling them through the air in alleyways. If they are women, they get up at 4 am to be able to do their business under cover of darkness for reasons of modesty, risking rape and snakebites. Four in ten people live in situations where they are surrounded by human excrement because it is in the bushes outside the village or in their city yards, left by children outside the back door. It is tramped back in on their feet, carried on fingers onto clothes, food, and drinking water.

Excerpted from “The Big Necessity” by Rose George

A gram (.04 ounce) of feces can contain 10 million viruses, 1 million bacteria, 1,000 parasite cysts, and 100 worm eggs.

Diarrhea—nearly 90% of which is caused by fecally contaminated food or water—kills a child every 15 seconds.

Every \$1 that developing countries invest in sanitation can generate \$9 in economic benefits. (Source: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)

Fun Toilet Facts—November 19th is World Toilet Day!

DID YOU KNOW.....

The average person will spend three whole years of their life on the toilet.

The first cubical on a row of toilets is the least used toilet, therefore, it's most likely to be the cleanest .

Most toilets flush in the key of E-Flat.

One-third of all Americans flush the toilet while they are still sitting down.

40,000 Americans are injured by toilets each year.

The average desk harbors 400 times more bacteria than the average toilet seat.

On average, there are 333 squares of toilet paper per roll.