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**Lee's Summit Elementary Named Top Recycling School in
Lee's Summit R-7 School District for 2008-2009 School Year**

(LEE'S SUMMIT, MO.) November 10, 2009 – Deffenbaugh Industries today named Lee's Summit Elementary as the top recycling school in the Lee's Summit R-7 School District during the 2008-09 school year. The school recycled 10,955 total pounds of recyclable material during the second quarter of the year, the most in the district on a per-student basis. The entire district recycled 413,986 pounds of material during that period.

Deffenbaugh Industries will present a banner to Lee's Summit Elementary principal Katie Collier on Friday, Nov. 13 in celebration of America Recycles Day. Each student will receive a One Earth One Chance bookmark. The bookmarks were created exclusively for Lee's Summit Elementary and were printed on recycled paper.

"We're looking forward to congratulating the students, staff and neighbors of Lee's Summit Elementary," Deffenbaugh Senior Vice President Tom Coffman said. "It's encouraging to see the community embrace the school recycling program, and the whole district should be proud of their results. They diverted an impressive amount of material from local landfills."

The Lee's Summit R-7 School District adopted Deffenbaugh's One Earth One Chance program in April. The program encourages students and staff to recycle paper, plastic, aluminum and cardboard in containers placed at each district facility. The containers also provide a popular and convenient recycling option for the community.

About Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc.

Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc., founded in 1957, is one of the largest waste management services companies in the Midwest. Deffenbaugh provides efficient collection, transportation, and disposal of commercial and residential waste and recycling, construction waste, quarrying, portable toilet, and truck and industrial supplies services. Over its 50 years in operation, Deffenbaugh Industries has established a reputation for superior customer service and satisfaction. Deffenbaugh Industries is headquartered in Kansas City and operates in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa. For additional information, please visit www.deffenbaughinc.com.

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