

A Clean Start: Kumon Mexico's New Building and Green Team

Mexico is a rising leader in sustainability, working to decrease pollution and promote public health and wellness. Mexico is also becoming well known for green building. The U.S Green Building Council said, "Thanks to the collaborative efforts of public and private sector leaders who are committed to a greener, more sustainable future for their country, Mexico is becoming a world leader in sustainable building. It's a global market to watch, and one that will surely continue to raise the bar for LEED and green building in the Americas."

In May 2019, Kumon Mexico moved their corporate office, and with a new building comes new initiatives and opportunities. The new office space offers a vast amount of natural lighting, and the high ceilings and open space have created a more tranquil and efficient environment for associates. Currently, Kumon Mexico is looking to hire an environmental company to come in and give them ideas on how they can make their new office greener. Kumon Mexico associates were even conscious of their impact during the move. Part of the move included recycling paper to accommodate smaller desk areas and less storage. This helped remove clutter before the move and will prevent it from accumulating in the future.



In equally exciting news, Kumon Mexico has formed its very own local chapter of the Kumon North America Green Team, led by veteran Kumon North America Green Team member Juan Castelan. New members Mariana Andrade and Renata Rodriguez are excited to contribute to KNA's environmental initiatives. They exemplify the ideal green person by utilizing only reusable bottles, plates and utensils in the office.

Juan, Mariana and Renata will be working together to implement green practices in the Kumon Mexico Corporate offices alongside Kumon North America's Headquarters in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey. When asked about the green practice they want to introduce to their colleagues at the office, Renata said, **"We are planning on placing a small container to collect all the plastic caps from water bottles and after a while deliver them to the "Banco de tapitas," a non-profit organization that recycles plastic caps to raise funds for cancer research.**



Mariana said, **"I would love to start promoting a conscious campaign about Styrofoam cups and let people know how (being non-biodegradable and having a very short useful life) it significantly adds to the ecological impact – aside from the fact that Styrofoam has a harmful effect on health. Maybe if people really understood how Styrofoam harms the environment they would prioritize using eco-friendly materials (like paper cups) or reusable cups."**

The future looks bright for Kumon Mexico, and we look forward to hearing more about their accomplishments in the years to come.

