

Newsletter Jan.-June 2022

In reflecting over the last six months it is evident that much time has been spent in educating the community about Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Composting and Litter prevention through classroom presentations, contests and speaking engagements.

One hundred ninety six classroom presentations were made to four thousand three hundred twenty five students at several area schools. Forty nine drop off lessons were provided to one thousand twenty five students. Several classrooms from Ashland Christian, Ashland City Edison and Reagan, Black River, Hillsdale, Loudonville and Mapleton enjoyed this instruction. Programming on Litter, Environmental Habitats, Plastics and Styrofoams along with The Wump World and the Importance of Earth Day were shared in these classes.

A Pop tab drive including 1000 students and 45 different classrooms collected 500 pounds of tabs. The top three classrooms were Mrs. Fickes class in first place, from Hillsdale Elementary with 47# 6 oz. Mrs. Dilgards class in second place, from Hillsdale Elementary with 34# 10 oz. Mrs. Stulls class in third place, from Loudonville McMullin with 31# 3 oz. The tabs were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Akron, Ohio and the money from these tabs will be used to help the charity with any needs that arise.

Sixty four students from Mapleton Elementary supplied their ideas on the importance of Recycling and taking care of the Earth with art work for a Poster Contest during the month of April. Several of these posters will be displayed in the Ashland County Fair Booth this fall.

One hundred and four students in five area classrooms contributed to a Writing contest entitled "Why is the Earth Important." Many great ideas and tips were shared in this contest.

The Ohio and Professional Women Association competed in a Centerpiece Contest. All centerpieces had to be made of 75% Recycled Product. Twenty

four Centerpieces were shared by the fifty five women present at the convention held at the Mohican Lodge. Several of these centerpieces will be on display in the fair booth in September.

Ashland Christian School continues to learn about composting. The students have the opportunity to add compostable items to the compost bin each day after lunch. This is an ongoing project at the school teaching the students what can be composted and the importance of keeping these items from ending up in landfills.

It seems the first six months of 2022 were loaded with education and training for several youth, parents and educators. Ashland County continues to be involved in taking care of the Earth by Recycling, Reducing, Composting and Litter Prevention.