

## Newsletter January-December 2025

It is always exciting to announce another successful year with Environmental awareness. Lessons were shared, aluminum tabs were collected, and writing and coloring contests happened. Fair booth Displays and School Displays were well received. Household Hazardous Waste and Farm Tire Collection literature was distributed. What an exciting year with a lot of excited students, teachers, parents and many community members.

Classroom presentations were shared with three hundred and fifty two groups involving seven thousand nine hundred and ten students. Drop Off lessons were prepared for sixty one classrooms with one thousand three hundred and fifty eight participants.

The 2025 aluminum tab drive was again a huge success. This years event reached fifty different classrooms and one thousand seventy one students that collected five hundred and fourteen pounds of pop tabs. In just four years this Earth Day activity has now collected and delivered two thousand fifty eight pound of tabs to the Akron Ronald McDonald House. This annual project has been a great way of involving students, parents, teachers and the community in a rewarding project. A quick lesson teaching each one of us more about recycling and a huge lesson on community service, giving back to those in need.

The Ashland County fair booth had many teachers and students alike involved with adding pictures, drawings and writings to the display. Forty five classrooms with over one thousand participants were involved in the “We Have a Love for the Planet” poster contest. Thirteen classrooms with two hundred and fifty three students wrote about loving their planet, Earth. Five hundred students from twenty four classrooms added their own drawings on their love for the Earth. Many of the contest participants pictures, drawings and writings decorated the booth at the Ashland County Fair.

Household Hazardous Waste and Farm Collection Literature was handed out to several in promoting these activities in the County. A Recycling, Reducing and Reusing display was well received by many at the Hillsdale School Open House at the beginning of the school year.

All in all, the community, teachers and students continued to be involved with taking care of our Earth. Thank you Ashland Residents for your continued interest in keeping Ashland County Greener and Cleaner.