

Newsletter-Year End January-December 2023

Environmental Education held strong in Ashland County for 2023. School lessons, an Ashland County Fair booth display, Aluminum Tab Drive, Speaking Engagements and Poster and Coloring Contests were among some of the instruction that was provided to many across the County.

Lessons were prepared and shared with several Hillsdale, Loudonville, Black River, Mapleton, Ashland City Edison and Reagan and Ashland Christian Schools. Some of these lessons included Water pollution, Composting, Reusing, Basic Recycling, and the awareness of Earth Day.

Three hundred seventy three classroom presentations were shared with seven thousand nine hundred and forty three students. Thirty drop off lessons were provided for six hundred twenty seven students for the year.

The second annual aluminum tab drive supplied five hundred and twelve pounds of tabs collected and delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Akron. This was a great Earth Day Activity that promoted recycling, giving back to the community and hard work of many students and teachers in Ashland County. Ashland County Solid Waste and Ashland County Schools is now on the signage at the Ronald McDonald House as a millennium tab donor. The kick off for the third annual tab drive collection started in October of 2023. Students will be saving until the end of March 2024, when the tabs will be collected, weighed and delivered once again to the Ronald McDonald House. Anyone with aluminum tabs can share in this collection.

Poster Contests and Coloring Contest Artwork was displayed in the Solid Waste District, Ashland County Fair-booth. The Booth entitled Dive into Recycling shared several ideas from classroom lessons on littering, recycling and water pollution.

Environmental Education does not stop with children. Many adults showed interest in the fair-booth and several adults attended a lesson on The Great Pacific Garbage Patch at the Senior Citizen Centers monthly meeting in the spring.

Ashland County citizens continue to grow together, keeping our Earth greener and cleaner making it a healthier and happier place to live.