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HOW YOU CAN MAKE ECO FRIENDLY CHOICES

- Buy items in bulk whenever possible. This helps to reduce a lot of unnecessary packaging.
- Reuse items such as cups, reusable bottles, food containers, cloth napkins and reusable shopping bags. This can also help to save you money.
- Recycle your aluminum & steel cans, glass bottles & jars, #1 & #2 plastic bottles and jugs, newspaper, office paper, magazines, catalogs, phonebooks, paperboard and corrugated cardboard. You can visit www.fairfieldrecycles.org or call 740-681-4423 for a list of current drop off locations in Fairfield County.
- Start your own compost pile. This is nature's way of recycling your grass clippings, leaves, egg shells, vegetable trimmings, paper, banana peels, apple cores and coffee grounds just to name a few. To learn more you can visit: www.epa.gov/osw/conserves/rrr/composting/
- You can reduce the junk mail you receive by visiting www.directmail.com and adding your name to their do not mail list. This is a free service.
- Don't forget to buy products made from recycled materials. This will help close the "recycling loop".

Feel free to contact us for questions or to share your eco friendly ideas with us

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Adopt - A - Road

What You Can Do To Help Keep Our Roadways Clean

The Adopt-A-Road program sponsored by the Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action's Recycling and Litter Prevention Program offers excellent opportunities for volunteers to participate in county or township road clean-ups. Any interested group would be responsible for cleaning a two mile section of roadway two to four times a year, for a two year period. In return, County Engineers or Township Trustees will install on-site signs displaying the name of the participating organization or group. Additionally, Fairfield County or the Township will provide transportation of collected materials to the Pine Grove Sanitary Landfill. The fee for the disposal of debris collected through this activity will be paid through grant funds. The Lancaster/Fairfield County Community Action Recycling and Litter Prevention Program will also provide Adopt-A-Road T-shirts, gloves and trash bags, as well as coordinate the activity with the County Engineer's Office or Township Trustees. If you have any questions or would like to sign your group up, please contact the Recycling and Litter Prevention Program at 740-681-4423.

This program offers groups the satisfaction of making a contribution to their community through volunteer participation, and an inexpensive way to help correct a very serious environmental problem.

“LETS MAKE EVERY DAY EARTH DAY!”

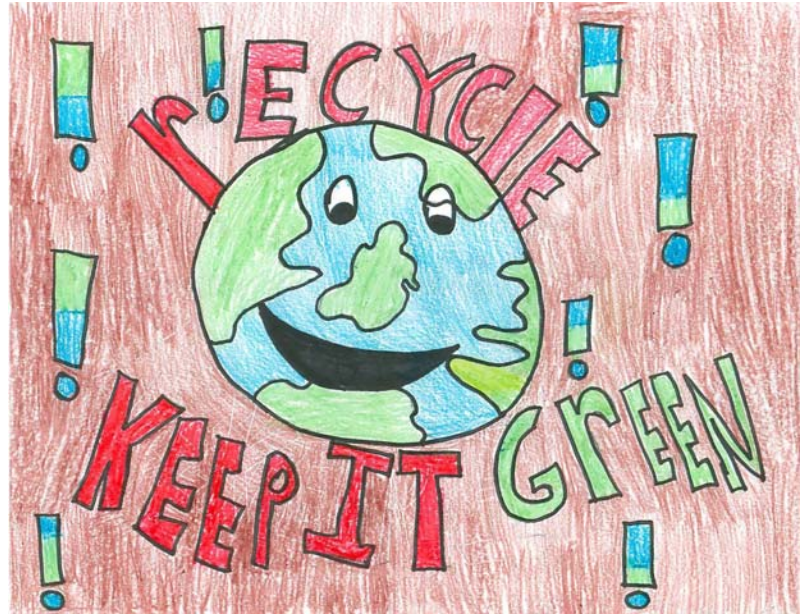
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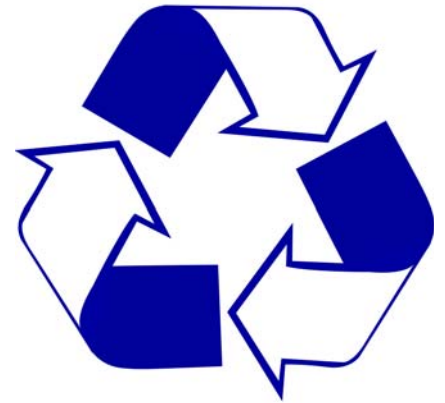
Billboard Contest Results

The 26th annual Third Grade Billboard Contest was a great success! There were 1,879 students and 76 teachers from 23 elementary schools, who participated. The contest theme was "Recycling". With all the wonderful entries, the judges had a difficult time choosing the winners! Great job to all the students!! The winning entry was created by Sydnee Saksa, a student of Miss Stubbs at Violet Elementary in Pickerington. Sydnee's winning entry was made into a billboard and is being displayed at the corner of Memorial Dr. and Main St. in Lancaster, for the entire month of April. The Top Ten Winners will receive award certificates and prizes made from recycled materials, at the Earth Day Awards Ceremony at Alley Park, on Saturday April 18, 2009. A "Thank You" goes out to all participating students, teachers and contest judges.



Top Ten Winners Countywide

- 1st Place:** Sydnee Saksa - Violet Elementary - Teacher: Miss Stubbs
- 2nd Place:** Elizabeth Hudelson - Violet Elementary - Teacher: Mrs. Dormer
- 3rd Place:** Jaylin Schooley - Sanderson Elementary - Teacher: Mrs. Kaczmarek
- 4th Place:** Allena Midcap - Bremen - Teacher: Ms. Downard & Ms. McCandlish
- 5th Place:** Mikayla Hicks - Amanda-Clearcreek - Teacher: Mrs. Strickler
- 6th Place:** Hailey Lephart - Heritage Elementary - Teacher: Mrs. Chapman
- 7th Place:** Rachel Fish - Fairfield Elementary - Teacher: Mrs. Radford
- 8th Place:** Anna Kruse - Bloom Elementary - Teacher: Ms. Kraner
- 9th Place:** Jasmyn Dexter - West Elementary - Teacher: Mrs. Smith
- 10th Place:** Christal Blevins - Sanderson Elementary - Teacher: Mrs. Kaczmarek



Honorable Mention

- Paige Probasco, Teacher: Mrs. Rowland, Berne Union Elementary
- Noelle Ranch, Teacher: Mrs. Landis, Pleasantville Elementary
- Tyler Coyan, Teacher: Mrs. Wolfinger, Pickerington Elementary
- Alayna Smith, Teacher: Ms. Jubach, Chief Tarhe Elementary
- Isaac Wilson, Teacher: Ms. Hughes, Medill Elementary
- Masey Elick, Teacher: Miss Fetherolf, Cedar Heights Elementary
- Bradley Snyder, Teacher: Mrs. Ahern, West Elementary
- Allison Hale, Teacher: Ms. Conklin, East Elementary
- Marcie McGuire, Teacher: Mrs. Malley, St. Bernadette Elementary
- Alex Blackston, Teacher: Mrs. Novena, St. Mary Elementary
- Alex Bright, Teacher: Mrs. Savage, Liberty Union Elementary
- Hannah Poyer, Teacher: Mrs. Church, Fairfield Elementary
- Carlee Pieratt, Teacher: Mrs. Strickler / Mrs. Sexton, Amanda-Clearcreek
- Kelsey Reasoner, Teacher: Mrs. Lawrence, Millersport Elementary
- Haley Raye, Teacher: Mrs. Ward, Tallmadge Elementary
- Raaya Cummings, Teacher: Mrs. Agosta, Fairfield Christian Academy
- Alana Matheny, Teacher: Mrs. Schultz / Mrs. Dietz, South Elementary
- Chandler Doersam, Teacher: Mrs. Hoffman, Faith Academy Elementary

Judges for the 2009 Recycling Third Grade Billboard Contest

Nina West

Administrative Assistant,
Fairfield County Dog Shelter

William Arnett

Development Director, Fairfield
County Economic Development

Kim Devitt

Early Childhood Programs Director,
Lancaster-Fairfield Community

Action Sue Smith

Sales Executive,
Innerphase Video

UPCOMING EVENTS

EARTH DAY

Saturday, April 18, 2009: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
ALLEY PARK IN LANCASTER

Earth Day Activities

- 8:00- 11:00: Friends of the Park Pancake Breakfast
- 8:00- 12:00: Area Agency Environmental Displays
- 8:00- 11:00: Environmentally Friendly Crafts
- 8:00- 12:00: Tree Seedling Giveaway
- 9:00- 12:00: Fishing
- 12:30- 1:30: Awards Ceremony for the Third Grade Billboard Contest, Aluminum Can Recycling Contest, and Fairfield County Environmental Educator of the Year



EARTH CAMP

June 9th, 10th & 11th, 2009: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
BLACKLICK WOODS METRO PARK

This camp is for students who live in, or are going to school in Fairfield County, and are entering grades 3, 4, and 5, for the 2009-2010 school year. Each day will have a different theme. At camp, students will attend various activities such as recycling or reusing crafts, environmental activities, hiking, pond studies, etc. For more information or to register, please contact FSWCD 740-653-8154. Earth Camp is sponsored by: Fairfield County Community Action Recycling and Litter Prevention Program, Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District and Columbus Metro Parks. There is no charge for camp. Students will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis as all completed applications and forms are turned in to FSWCD.

Registration applications will be available May 1st. Applications will be accepted until camp is full.

For Information call 740-681-4423.

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Saturday, August 15, 2009: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
FAIRFIELD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Enter through the Broad Street Gate

We will be accepting household hazardous waste labeled flammable, corrosive, reactive, toxic or poisonous typically found in your garage, basement, under sinks, and in your bathrooms.

DO NOT BRING EMPTY CONTAINERS OR OTHER NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE.

PAINT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

When paint is dried out into a solid form, it can be thrown out with your normal trash. It can be dried out by pouring kitty litter, saw dust, oil absorb or commercial paint hardeners into the paint can and mixing it with the paint.

NO BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY WASTE. NO TIRES OR APPLIANCES.

This event is for Coshocton, Fairfield, Licking and Perry County Residents only.

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