

Newsletter
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Environmental Education continues throughout the county. Classroom lessons and drop off activities, writing and poster contests, and the annual Earth Day aluminum tab drive made for a busy first half of 2024.

Two hundred and three classroom presentations were shared with four thousand two hundred and fifty five students. Fifty five lessons were prepared and dropped off to one thousand one hundred and eighty nine participants. Litter, Water Pollution, Composting and the three R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) were among some of the lessons.

Five hundred and six students participated in the "Give a Hoot Don't Pollute" poster contest along with One hundred forty one that participated in the writing contest. Several of these drawings and writings will be displayed in our Ashland County fair booth. Several other student projects have been completed and will also be on display in the booth.

The Earth Day Annual aluminum tab drive was again a huge success. Forty eight Ashland County teachers and their classroom, along with several from the community collected five hundred and twenty eight pounds of tabs. In just three short years one thousand five hundred and forty four aluminum tabs have been collected and delivered to the Akron Ronald McDonald house. Each year, I think we wont be able to top the number of pounds from the previous year but I again was shown differently. It takes an army of teachers, students, families and friends to make this event so successful.

Several of our teachers, liaisons or cafeteria workers from the Ashland County schools contributed comments and figures for the SWACO Food Drive Outreach Program. Ashland Christian School continues to focus on Composting within their school. Hillsdale High School is looking at adding an Elective Course entitled "Save the Earth" into their fall school curriculum. These are just a few examples of our community coming together to help keep our Earth Greener and Cleaner.

Great things continue to happen around Ashland County. I look forward to what the next six months of 2024 has to offer.