

2024 Newsletter January-December

Another year, 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. What an exciting year with a lot of excited students, teachers and community members.

Classroom presentations were shared with three hundred and eighty one groups involving eight thousand one hundred and sixty five students. Drop Off lessons were prepared for 68 classrooms with one thousand four hundred and seventy six participants.

The 2024 aluminum tab drive was again a huge success. Forty eight teachers and one thousand and eight students collected five hundred and twenty eight pounds of tabs. In just three years our County Earth Day Project has collected and delivered One thousand five hundred and forty four pounds of tabs to the Akron Ronald McDonald House. Each year the students in each class work diligently to bring the most pounds into their class. The winning 2024 classroom was Teacher Mrs. Amy Chandlers Third grade class from Reagan Elementary.

The Ashland County fair booth had many teachers and students alike involved with adding pictures and writings to the display. Twenty five classrooms with 506 participants were involved in the Give a Hoot Don't Pollute poster contest. Three classrooms with 60 students prepared Hand print Owls to decorate one wall of the fair booth. Six classrooms with one hundred and forty one participants were involved in the pollution writing contest. Three classrooms and 60 students prepared the Woodsy Owl for the fair booth. Many of the contest, participants, pictures and writings decorated the booth at the Ashland County Fair.

Eight Ashland County school contacts helped with the SWACO Food Drive Outreach Program. School Composting at Ashland Christian School allowed for students to follow the process, thru lessons, to planting flower beds using compost matter. Hillsdale High School started an elective class entitled "Save the Earth". Cub Scout 502 learned important information about building a compost bin and understanding how composting and Recycling works. 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 classrooms continued to be involved with taking care of our Earth. What a great County to live in. Thank you Ashland Residents.