

## **EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S UPDATE**

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The first six months of 2010 have been eventful ones. The Recycling Center welcomed several visitors for tours, students learned many important decisions they can make about the environment, contests were held and students enjoyed learning outside the classroom.

One hundred ninety four presentations to four thousand five hundred and eighty nine students were given. Local County and City Schools participated in the Environmental classes. One Outdoor Day was observed by 7<sup>th</sup> graders from the Hillsdale Schools at the Hazel Willis Woods with one hundred twenty in participation. Forty Eight children from the Loudonville area enjoyed Day Camp held at the Mohican Adventures Outdoor Camp in Loudonville.

Seven tours of the Ashland County Recycling Center were given to three hundred forty seven students and teachers from six local schools. These schools included Ashland Christian, Edison, Osborn, Dale Roy, Lincoln and Montgomery.

Ashland Christian fourth graders enjoyed learning about composting at the Willo'dell Nursery Garden & Lawn Center. A guided tour of the facility was given and the students each received flowers to plant in compost from the nursery.

Three third grade classes from Osborn School participated in a "Composting-It's Natures Way of Recycling" poster contest. Several of the students art work will be on display in September at the Ashland County Fair in the Solid Waste and Recycling Center booth located in the Grange building right inside the main gate on Claremont Avenue.

One new "Adopt-A-Road" contract was finalized this spring and others are being renewed. Again, anyone interested in this worthwhile program should contact the Recycling Center at 419-289-7382.

As the summer continues to fly by, please remember to take the time to help our environment. Picnics, graduations and reunions are a great time to place that recycling container out to collect those plastic water bottles and aluminum pop cans. Let's all work together to REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE. Have a great summer.