

2018 was an eventful year for Environmental Education in Ashland County. Classroom lessons were enjoyed by many. Adopt a Road contracts were updated, poster contests were held and displays were presented.

Three hundred seventy eight presentations were given to eight thousand six hundred sixteen students. Participants from Hillsdale, Loudonville, Black River, Mapleton, Ashland Christian and Ashland City Schools were involved with these lessons. Students learned about composting, recycling, importance of trees and water, litter habits and basic environmental training.

Tours of the Recycling Center were enjoyed by around 200 observers. These tours help our community visually see how the Recycling Center is working. This also is a great way to see how the dividends received at the Center keep the facility in operation.

Poster contests were held throughout the County. Edison fourth graders, Mapleton kindergartners, Edison first graders and many living in Ashland County contributed to the array of posters on display in the Ashland County Solid Waste District Fair Booth. The 2018 fair display was entitled "Save the Earth-Do Something".

Adopt a Road Contracts were updated for the year and a special recognition was displayed in the fair booth with each originations name. These adopters help to keep several of our County and or Township roadways litter free.

The Ashland County Solid Waste and Recycling Center is proud to be a part of STEM education at the Ashland Christian School. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This education opens up a field to Natural Science managers and Environmental managers along with other similar trades as the students are engaged in learning activities that investigate the natural world.

Each year goes by so quickly with all the activities and lessons on Reducing, Reusing and Recycling. It is always a rewarding job when I see all the accomplishments that come from sharing Environmental Stewardship in our County.