



# TRASH TALK

A Monthly Newsletter for Educators



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## CLEAN CAMPUS CHECKS

All Private, Primary, and Elementary schools were judged during the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. With 24 schools in this category, this group continues to be the most competitive of all the grade levels! Recycling and reuse projects and programs, along with hands-on student environmental efforts, and major campus improvements, played a large role in the final decisions. A copy of the criteria was mailed to principals and made available to AB/C Campus Coordinators to prepare for the contest. The 1<sup>st</sup> place campus, receiving \$200 and the AB/C Clean Campus banner, was Huntington Elementary. Two schools tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Zavalla Elementary and Dunbar Primary. Both schools will receive \$100 towards environmental projects on their campus. Huntington Intermediate was recognized as 3<sup>rd</sup> place and will receive \$50 to continue expanding their great environmental projects. Overall, the schools looked great and the students are involved in lots of hands-on environmental projects. Congratulations to everyone for a job well done!!!

## AB/C 2006 COUNTY WIDE CLEANUP

The weather was beautiful and the clean up was a success. In Lufkin approximately 150 people picked up litter! Diboll had over 30 people show up to help clean up their community. Huntington and Homer/Bald Hill will be holding their clean ups later this month and are looking for a great turn out! The top group in Lufkin was Dunbar Primary, with Angelina County Juvenile Services in second, and the Top Teens of America coming in third! Each community paid 1<sup>st</sup> place \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$100, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place received \$50. Thanks to all who participated!!

## TEXAS RECYCLES DAY NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

The theme is "4 R Future" focusing on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rebuy. This year to celebrate Texas Recycles Day, AB/C is throwing a party for the Vocational Exploration Training (VET) students at Lufkin High School. This great group of kids has been a faithful partner with AB/C in several projects. Their most recent partnership with AB/C is the "Cartridges for Kids" program. To assist, AB/C ordered Ink Jet Recycling Bins. The VET students have been putting these bins together and placing them throughout the community. These students will pick up the collected cartridges, package them, and send them in to "Cartridges for Kids." They are working hard to promote recycling and AB/C is proud to be able to celebrate their hard on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## AB/C & THE TARDY BELL @ STORY WRIGHT BULLETIN BOARD CONTEST

All teachers in Angelina County are invited to **sign up** to participate! You must **follow the theme**, "4 R Future" focusing on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rebuy. **Email me with your name and campus by Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> to sign up!** Judges will visit the participating campuses on Thursday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. AB/C will pay 1<sup>st</sup> place \$100 and The Tardy Bell @ Story Wright will provide the 2nd and 3rd place winners with a \$30 gift certificate.

## AngelinaBeautifulClean.org

Our website has been under construction. Our new website guy, Matt Massey with Massey Media, has gotten the page up and we are adding new stuff every week. Don't forget to distribute **this newsletter to all the teachers on your campus by email or paper copy!**



## **“PASS THE BAG” 10<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup>, & 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES**

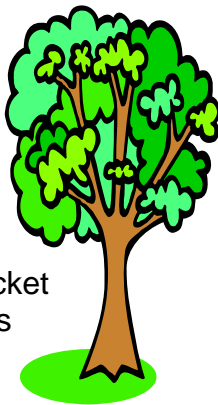
This exciting High School project has been a huge success for Lufkin High School in previous years and this year was no exception. This year the project was held at the October 20<sup>th</sup> game. This project focuses on litter awareness and litter prevention. “Pass the Bag” is accomplished by passing garbage sacks down the rows of the bleachers at a sporting event. A student group gathers the bags at the end of the row and disposes of the trash! Information on this project is being mailed to area High Schools along with lots of garbage bags to implement “Pass the Bag”.

## **BE COOL!!! RECYCLE AT SCHOOL**

The following schedule is still in place for recycling pick up: **Thursday AM** – Brandon, Brookhollow, Dunbar, Garrett, Slack, and Trout. **Friday AM** – Lufkin High School, Lufkin Middle School, Anderson, Coston, Hackney, Herty, Kurth, St. Patrick Catholic School, and Harmony Christian School. I encourage each classroom teacher to have the kids create collection bins/boxes to collect paper in their classroom. **No bags are necessary!** Just put all your paper into the blue cart. Avoid colored paper and staples. Environmental Conservation is part of the TEKS!!! This is a great way to teach those valuable lessons!!

## **STATE ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Angelina County schools will again participate in the State Arbor Day Poster Contest. This year’s theme is **“Trees are Terrific ... and forest are too!”** An Arbor Day packet and heavy weight paper has been mailed or dropped off to all 5th grade teachers in the county. The contest deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup> this year. We appreciate your participation!



## **ARBOR DAY 2006/2007**

**LOCAL** – The local arborist and other “tree people” have suggested that Arbor Day be celebrated locally February 9th. This is a much better time of year for our climate to plant trees than the spring date the state and nation follow. A Lufkin school will be chosen to host the City of Lufkin’s official Arbor Day ceremony. I would like for all area schools to hold an Arbor Day celebration on their own campus. I will assist in any way possible!

## **3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE PROJECT “LITTER BUGS ME” Bracelet**

These cute lime green bracelets will remind the over 1300 area third graders just how nasty litter really is! The anti litter message is an important part of making responsible choices when it comes to solid waste management!

## **1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE PROJECT “DON’T BE A LITTERBUG” ACTIVITY & COLORING BOOKS**

The 1400 1<sup>st</sup> graders in Angelina County are receiving the “Don’t Be A Litterbug” activity/coloring book. These books are part of a “Kids in Action” series from Keep America Beautiful. These books have a limited amount of age appropriate reading and lots of fun coloring and games in them! What a fun way to learn about taking care of our environment!!!

## **THIS MONTH’S PROJECTS** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest Texas Recycles Day Event @ LHS AB/C & Tardy Bell Bulletin Board Contest

## **NEXT MONTH**

- \*NO AB/C MEETING IN DECEMBER
- \*NEXT AB/C MEETING - JAN. 9TH
- \*ARBOR DAY CEREMONY IN FEBRUARY