



TRASH TALK

A Monthly Newsletter for Educators

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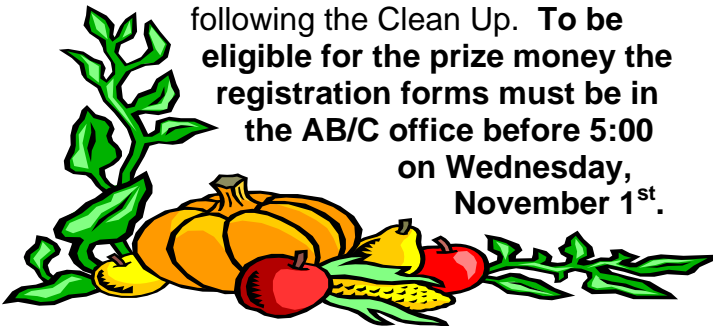
CLEAN CAMPUS CHECKS

All Private, Primary, and Elementary schools will be judged during the week of October 23rd to 27th. With 24 schools in this category, this group continues to be the most competitive of all the grade levels! The final decisions are usually determined by recycling and reuse projects and programs along with hands-on student environmental efforts. A copy of the criteria is mailed to principals and made available to AB/C Campus Coordinators. The AB/C judge will want to speak with you during his/her visit. **I suggest a written summary of your campuses environmental activities.** The 1st place campus gets \$200 and the AB/C Clean Campus banner, 2nd place gets \$100, and third receives \$50. All prize money is to be used towards environmental efforts on campus. Good Luck!

AB/C 2006 COUNTY WIDE CLEANUP Saturday, November 4th

Registration has begun! Forms are available here at the Chamber. The group with the most active volunteers wins! Each volunteer **must wear gloves** in order to be counted as a "participating volunteer". Each community will pay 1st place \$150, 2nd place \$100, and 3rd place \$50. Each community will also provide refreshments and hold their own award ceremony

following the Clean Up. **To be eligible for the prize money the registration forms must be in the AB/C office before 5:00 on Wednesday, November 1st.**



AB/C's NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. TONY MOLINE

AB/C is excited to have Tony Moline come on board as our new Executive Director. Tony is currently finishing up his degree at SFA and will graduate in December. Tony is in the process of moving to Lufkin and getting settled into the job! Welcome Tony!

TEXAS RECYCLES DAY NOVEMBER 15TH

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 with this ongoing project, AB/C has ordered Ink Jet Recycling Bins to be placed throughout the county. 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 15th.

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 to sign up!** Judges will visit the participating campuses on Thursday, Nov. 16th. AB/C will pay 1st place \$100 and The Tardy Bell @ Story Wright will provide the 2nd and 3rd place winners with a \$30 gift certificate.

“PASS THE BAG” 10TH, 11TH, & 12TH GRADES

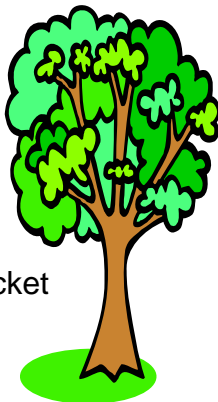
This exciting High School project has been a huge success for Lufkin High School in previous years. This year the project is scheduled for the October 20th game. This project focuses on litter awareness and litter prevention. “Pass the Bag” is accomplished by passing garbage sacks down the rows of the 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 5th 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 is being mailed to all 5th grade teachers in the county. The contest deadline is December 15th 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 at the end of January. 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!

WEBSITE & TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

Exciting things are happening in this area! A copy of the “Trash Talk” newsletter will also be sent via email. **Please distribute the newsletter to all the teachers on your campus by email or paper copy!** Hopefully less paper! Less cost! Our website is under construction but will soon be a wealth of knowledge. Our new website guy, Matt Massey with Massey Media, will have it up and going before the end of the month.

THIS MONTH’S PROJECTS

- 1st Grade AB/C Activity Book
- 3rd Grade “Litter Bugs Me” bracelets
- 5th Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest

NEXT MONTH

*AB/C MEETING – NOVEMBER 14th