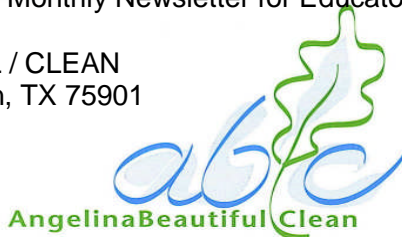


TRASH TALK

A Monthly Newsletter for Educators

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CLEAN CAMPUS RESULTS JR. HIGH & MIDDLE SCHOOLS

The Jr. High and Middle schools were judged during the week of January 29th – February 2nd. Congratulations to Huntington Middle School for taking 1st place! The final decisions were determined by recycling and reuse projects and programs along with hands-on student environmental efforts, not to mention that the entire campus was spotless!! The two AB/C Campus Coordinators, Paula Korn and Wanda Hollingsworth, are very involved and keep the kids organized and motivated. HMS received \$200 to be used towards environmental efforts on campus and the AB/C Clean Campus banner.

ARBOR DAY 2007 WRAP UP

The City of Lufkin's Arbor Day ceremony was a huge success!! The ceremony was held at St. Cyprian's Episcopal School and was well attended. We enjoyed the History of Arbor Day, read by Don Campbell with TFS, a Poem, "The Heart of a Tree," read by Joe Pase with TFS, and an Arbor Day Proclamation, read by Mayor Gorden. Most impressive was the musical and poetic presentations by the students. St. Cyprian's had recently lost several big beautiful trees and the planting of a large Live Oak tree out front was an excellent addition to their landscape! I heard from several of you with details about your Arbor Day celebrations! Thanks for sharing and keep them coming!

AB/C & TFS TREE GIVE AWAY WRAP UP

Angelina Beautiful/Clean and the Texas Forest Service once again teamed up and provided tree seedlings for our community this past Wednesday, February 7th. We set up a tent in the Lufkin Mall parking lot. People were lined up at 6:30 AM to make sure they got trees! We began the give away at 9:00 and gave out over 1,000 trees with information about each variety! Black Walnut, Burr Oak, Live Oak, Nuttall Oak, Overcup Oak, Pecan, Sawtooth Oak, and Shumard Oak were the species we had available at the give away. Thanks to the Lufkin Mall and the Texas Forest Service for their partnership in this grand Arbor Day planting gesture!!

STATE ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST 5th GRADE - UPDATE

Angelina County schools again participated in the State Arbor Day Poster Contest. This year's theme was "**Trees are Terrific ... and forest are too!**" No word on winners yet! We appreciate your participation!

Angelinabeautifulclean.org

We are excited to announce that the website is up and running! We are updating info regularly and look forward to adding links to other helpful websites, including fun environmental games for your students. Don't forget to distribute **this newsletter to all the teachers on your campus by email or paper copy or share our website with them!**

“LITTER LAW BOOKS”

9th GRADE

This informative little blue book gives these “almost drivers” all the information that they need on the local and state litter laws.

“Clean is in your hand, DON'T DROP IT!”

is once again the slogan we will use. The books contain useful information on local ordinances on Litter, Unsightly Conditions, Hazardous Trees or Shrubs, Sign Regulations, Weeded Lots, Abandoned or Junk Cars, and Dilapidated Structures.

The booklet also includes information on local waste haulers, how to report illegal dumping, and a map to help locate the Angelina County Waste Management Center and the Regional Recycling Center. These books are being prepared and will soon be ready to distribute.

EARTH DAY GROCERY BAG PROJECT 2nd GRADE

AB/C is looking forward to partnering with Brookshire Brothers again on this exciting project! The 2nd grade kids in the county really enjoy decorating the blank brown paper bags and seeing them at their local Brookshire Brother's store during the week of Earth Day. This is a colorful way to teach Environmental Awareness to some of our youngest citizens and then also reach local shoppers too! These bags will go out into the schools within the next couple of weeks.

“PASS THE BAG”

10TH, 11TH, & 12TH GRADES

With Basketball season in full swing and with Baseball season just around the corner, “Pass the Bag” continues to assist area schools in promoting proper waste management and personal responsibility! This exciting High School project has been a huge success for Lufkin High School in previous years and this year was no exception. 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”.

TEXAS TRASH-OFF COMING SOON

Don't forget to sign up for the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off on April 14, 2007.

This is the single largest one-day cleanup event in the state where nearly 200,000 volunteers offer their time to keep our state beautiful. The event is sponsored by Keep Texas Beautiful, Angelina Beautiful Clean, and the Texas Department of Transportation. This event is also the signature litter prevention event of the Great American Cleanup! For more info contact Tony Moline @ 63CLEAN.

ECO CAMP 2007

JUNE 11th – 15th

AB/C has set the date for our annual ECO CAMP! The second week of June, the 11th through the 15th, is the week we have chosen. I am searching for material and teachers for this week. AB/C pays the teachers \$100 and your kids get to come for free! I plan and provide everything. Teachers just show up at 8:45 each morning and leave at 12:00. Science, Music/Storytelling, Snacks, Games, and Art are the activities. Let me hear from you!

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!!

NEXT MONTH

*NEXT AB/C MEETING - MARCH 6th