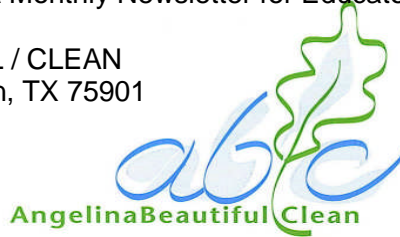


TRASH TALK

A Monthly Newsletter for Educators

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CLEAN CAMPUS CHECKS JR. HIGH & MIDDLE SCHOOLS

All Jr. High and Middle schools will be judged during the week of January 29th – February 2nd. 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 for each campus. The AB/C judge will want to speak with the AB/C Campus Coordinator 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.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS

Save as much as 20% annually on energy cost and reduce environmental impact by following four simple tips using the acronym H.E.A.T.

Home Sealing-Seal air leaks and add insulation, **E**quipment Maintenance-Clean or replace system's air filters, **A**sk for Energy Star-Purchase heating/cooling systems, and many types of appliances and electronics with the Energy Star label, **T**hermostat Use-install a programmable thermostat to cut back on energy use and cost.

ARBOR DAY 2007 FEBRUARY 8TH

As you may recall, we celebrate Arbor Day locally in February. This is a much better time of year for our climate to plant



trees than the spring date that the state and nation follow. The City of Lufkin's official Arbor Day Ceremony will be held at St. Cyprian's Episcopal School. This particular school has not hosted the Arbor Day Ceremony and has recently lost several big beautiful trees.

I would like for all area schools to hold an Arbor Day celebration on their own campus during the month of February. I will assist in any way possible!

AB/C & TFS TREE SEEDLING GIVE AWAY - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

Angelina Beautiful/Clean and the Texas Forest Service have once again teamed up to provide tree seedlings for our community on Wednesday, February 7th. We will set up a tent on the Loop 287 side of the Lufkin Mall parking lot. We will begin at 9:00 and give out trees until they are gone, usually a couple of hours. Black Walnut, Burr Oak, Live Oak, Nuttall Oak, Overcup Oak, Pecan, Sawtooth Oak, Shumard Oak, and Southern Red Oak are the species available at the give away. AB/C will provide planting instructions and information on all tree species.

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!

AIR, WATER, LAND: FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN - 4th GRADE PROJECT

This kid-friendly activity book focusing on the four R's, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rebuy. It also addresses pollution and conservation. These booklets are produced by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and are extremely informative. What a great way to hit those Environmental TAKS topics!!

RECYCLING MATERIALS & AB/C CAR LITTERBAG 6TH GRADE PROJECT

AB/C is excited to offer two very thorough booklets and a bookmark about the Four R's to the almost 1,300 area 6th graders. These valuable tools are packaged in an AB/C car litter bag that is perfect to keep snack wrappers out of the floorboard of Mom or Dad's car. These booklets are so informative they could be used to teach an entire thematic unit on Reducing, Reusing, Recycling, and Rebuying.

"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".

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!**

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.

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!!

THIS MONTH'S PROJECTS

*AIR, WATER, LAND: FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN – 4TH GRADE PROJECT
*RECYCLING MATERIALS & LITTER BAG 6TH GRADE PROJECT
*“PASS THE BAG” – ONGOING 10TH – 12TH GRADE PROJECT

NEXT MONTH

*NEXT AB/C MEETING - FEB. 6th
*AB/C & TFS TREE GIVE AWAY - FEB. 7TH
*ARBOR DAY CEREMONY - FEB. 8th