

TRASH TALK

A Monthly Newsletter for Educators

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AB/C CLEAN CAMPUS CHECKS MIDDLE SCHOOL & JR. HIGH

All Jr. High and Middle Schools are being judged this week! Recycling and reuse projects and programs along with hands-on student environmental efforts play a large role in this contest. Clean and well landscaped campuses are expected. A copy of the criteria was mailed to principals and made available to AB/C Campus Coordinators to prepare for the contest. The 1st place campus will receive \$200 and the AB/C Clean Campus banner. The 2nd place winner receives \$100, and 3rd place receives \$50 towards environmental projects on campus. Good Luck!

TEXAS TRASH-OFF SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH

Registration for the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off has begun! 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 top three groups with the most active participants will get their share of \$300. 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! Deadline to register and be eligible for the prize money is **MARCH 31st at 5:00**. For more info contact Tony Moline @ 63CLEAN.

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN KAB STICKERS

These colorful sheets of stickers are a great way to introduce environmental stewardship to our youngest citizens. Keep America Beautiful (KAB) "The Earth is in our Hands" stickers share ways for us all to do our part to protect the Earth. The KAB "Kids in Action" stickers have simpler illustrations to share the message with our youngest children!

FOREST AWARENESS TOUR May 5th – 9th

AB/C partners with the Texas Forest Service to bring this outdoor project to LMS 8th graders and the 7th graders in the county. We follow the TAKS week and everyone is ready to be outside and out of the classroom! The tour is held at the Texas Forest Service's outdoor classroom area on Hwy 94. I can't wait for you to meet our new District Forester, Todd Nightingale! He's enthusiastic and really enjoys being around the kids. Six stations will be set up around the property and each station will be lead by Forestry personnel. The students bring sack lunches and eat outdoors and AB/C provides each participant a canned drink. Hudson is scheduled to walk over Monday, Central is coming on Tuesday, Diboll on Wednesday and Lufkin wraps up the week on Thursday and Friday. This week long event usually brings over 1,000 kids to the forest.

PASS THE BAG" 10TH, 11TH, & 12TH GRADES

Baseball season just around the corner and "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! For more information or assistance on this project please email me! I'd love to help!

“RECYCLING IN OUR SCHOOLS” COLORING POSTERS 4TH GRADE

This kid friendly coloring poster is produced by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and is a great visual explanation of all the ways kids can recycle while at school. Of course we hope the little darlings will take that knowledge with them into their homes! I would love to see these posters displayed in your school! A coloring contest would even be more fun!

ECO CAMP 2008 JUNE 9TH – 13TH

AB/C has set the date for our annual ECO CAMP! The second full week of June, the 9th through the 13th has been chosen. A Texas theme is planned for this year. **AB/C is raising the pay for the 5 ECO Camp teachers to \$150 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. I got a great response from teachers who were interested in teaching! The Science station will be lead by DeShea Franks, Music/Storytelling will be taught by Lynne Hollowell, Arts and Crafts will be lead by Pat Clos, and ECO Favorite David Tracey will lead Games. That only leaves the Snack station! Hurry and let me hear from you ASAP!

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!!



“AB/C CAMPUS COORDINATOR’S DOOR PRIZES & AB/C INCENTIVE DRAWING

At each AB/C meeting we will have at least two door prizes. In addition, this year we’ll have an Incentive drawing. This drawing will include every AB/C Campus Coordinator’s name. If that person is present at the meeting and their name is drawn, they win the prize. If that person is not present, the prize is retained and rolls over and increases for the next meeting. We’ll start with \$20.

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Check out our new website! 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!

THIS MONTH’S PROJECTS

- PreKindergarten “Kids in Action” stickers
- Kindergarten “The Earth is in Our Hands” stickers
- 4th Grade “Recycling in our Schools” Coloring Posters