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Athens-Clarke Opportunities and Resources Newsletter - In a Nutshell

An Environmental Education Newsletter for Athens-Clarke County Educators - May 2007

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Have a wonderful summer break!! This is the last issue before the summer break.

Green School Coordinator ALERT!

All logs were due Friday, May 4, 2007 to be eligible to receive 2006-07 ACC Green School status. The following schools achieved Green School Status for this past school year:

Barrow Elementary - 3rd year in a row

Whitehead Road - 3rd year in a row

Barnett Shoals - 2nd year in a row

Chase Street - 2nd year in a row

Cleveland Road - 2nd year in a row

Fowler Drive - 2nd year in a row

Oglethorpe Avenue - 2nd year in a row

Athens Montessori - 1st year this year AND 1st private ACC Green School

Whit Davis - 1st year this year

Winterville - 1st year this year

Congratulations to all 2007 ACC Green Schools!!

Teacher Reuse Store - 3rd annual open house

The third annual open house for the Teacher Reuse Store will be on Saturday, August 18, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The Teacher Reuse Store is located at the Athens-Clarke County Recycling Facility, 699 Hancock Industrial Way, Athens, 30605.

What: This store provides a variety of items to local educators for FREE! These items have been donated from local business and industry. Most of these items would have been landfilled. Items include: binders, file folders, paper, art supplies, recycling bins, etc. ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

Who: This store is open to any teacher in Clarke, Madison, Oconee and Oglethorpe Counties. Public, private and homeschoolers are welcome! All teachers must provide official documentation of their teaching status - a school district ID badge or letter on school letterhead signed by the principal will be accepted for entry. Only teachers are allowed in the store - no helpers please! For additional information contact the ACC Recycling Division.

Public Works Week Downtown Celebration - Friday, May 18 from 10:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.

Come join the ACC Landscape Management Division, Public Utilities, Solid Waste, Transit and Transportation and Public Works as they celebrate National Public Works Week.

National Public Works Week is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. The celebration will include truck demonstrations, refreshments, awards and music. Don't miss the fun - great for children!!

Students for Recycling - Bottle Recycling Update

Three schools are participating in the Students for Recycling Plastic Bottle Recycling Program this year - Barrow, Chase and Oglethorpe. Program Update:

Oglethorpe leads with 1,512.5 lbs of bottles and Chase has 415.5 lbs. and Barrow with 275 lbs. Winner will be announced next week. Great job and keep on recycling!!

Recycling Bins and Roll-Carts

Please label and store your recycling bins and roll-carts for the summer so they won't get lost OR taken. The bins are expensive and hard for us to replace. Thanks from the ACC Recycling Division!!

Need a Compost Bin?

Interested in composting at your school? International Compost Awareness Week is May 6

through May 12! KACCB will be donating two Earth Machine Compost Bins to area schools. If interested, please send a short proposal as to how you will incorporate composting activities in your classroom/school (e-mail proposals to sfarrell@co.clarke.ga.us). KACCB will review entries and select two winners. Interested in a compost bin for your home? KACCB sells compost bins to the public for \$45.

Schools in Bloom!

Contact KACCB for flower seeds for your classroom/school garden. Sunflowers and zinnia seeds are easy to grow and may still be blooming when the students return to schools (weather dependent) Contact KACCB for seed for your students.

It's too pretty to be inside! Take your classroom outside and do a service learning schoolyard clean-up activity. KACCB has all the supplies you will need to get your students involved: trash bags, grab-it tools, safety vests. If interested, KACCB staff will come lead your class in discussion about what students can do to reduce the amount of waste they produce as well as what they can do to help reduce litter in our community. Call KACCB today!

Trash Talk!

Each Green School Coordinator received a class set of Trash Talk! There are additional copies available - please contact the ACC Recycling Division for copies.

Radical Reuse Ideas for the Classroom

A Year of Reuse Ideas for the Classroom - visit http://www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/elementaryschool/documents/A_year_of_reuse-ideas.pdf for ideas.

Send us your classroom reuse ideas and receive a recycled surprise, send entries to suki@acc-recycle.org.

This newsletter is a monthly newsletter from ACC Stormwater, Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful, Public Utilities Department, and Solid Waste Department, Recycling Division. If you didn't receive this newsletter directly and would like to be put on the e-mail list, contact Suki at suki@acc-recycle.org .

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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Funk Heritage Center at Reinhardt College, Waleska, GA (Cherokee County)
Educator Workshops

Native Seasons: Georgia's Flora and Fauna & Leopold Education Project Workshops June 19 & 20, 2007

Presented By: Georgia Conservancy

Open to the Public

Registration deadline is June 1, 2007

Instructor: Karen Garland, Environmental Education Coordinator

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (lunch will be provided 1 PLU available for attending 2 days)

Target Audience:

Classroom teachers, homeschool parents, scout leaders,
other youth group leaders, and the general public.

Course Description:

Day 1 - Georgia's Native Seasons: In this interactive workshop you will explore the changes

that occur in the flora and fauna throughout the Georgia seasons. Curriculum and resource will

be provided including over 80 hands-on activities which are a great addition to any outdoor

classroom lesson plan.

Day 2 - The Leopold Education Project (LEP) is an innovative, interdisciplinary, critical thinking, conservation and environmental education curriculum based on the classic writings of

the renowned conservationist, Aldo Leopold. LEP teaches the public about humanity's ties

to
the natural environment in the effort to conserve and protect the earth's natural
resources.

Participants will receive an 87-page curriculum guide.

Registration fee:

\$25 per person for one day and \$40 for both days.

Contact Information:

Karen Garland by phone (404) 876-2900 x 113

or E-mail: kgarland@gaconservancy.org

Register Online: <http://www.georgiaconservancy.org/Event/List.asp>

Who is KAB Man?

Recently hired by the KAB national office, KAB Man (a.k.a. Jeff) is a superhero
guaranteed to connect with the hard-to-reach 20-something audience. The campaign launched
April 24th, and you can view all three episodes of "The Adventures of KAB Man" at
www.kabman.org . This is a "viral" campaign to increase awareness of KAB's mission, and
to encourage participation from young adults. How can YOU be a superhero too? Forward the
link to your friends and family, and get everyone in your offices involved! Do you (or
your kids) have a MySpace.com account? Sign up to become KAB Man's "friend" at
www.myspace.com/keepamericabeautiful.

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CALENDAR

May

17 Last Day Of School

18 Public Works Week Downtown Celebration

28 Memorial Day

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BRAG BOARD!

IF you have a great Environmental Education accomplishment that you would like to share,
contact Suki Janssen, suki@acc-recycle.org. The accomplishment can be for an individual
or a school (examples include: award, grant, prize, activity, etc.).

Bags to Benches, Bag Recycling Program Results

- Winterville Elementary - 79,951 - 1st place
- Fowler Drive - 60,531 - 2nd place
- Cleveland Road - 42,470 - 3rd place
- Athens Montessori - 40,096 - 4th place
- Barrow - 36,362 - 5th place
- Barnett Shoals - 31,516 - 6th place
- Whit Davis - 30,399 - 7th place
- Chase Street - 29,346 - 8th place
- Whitehead Road - 28,225 - 9th place
- Timothy Road - 12,035 - 10th place
- Gaines School - 5,630 - 11th place
- Total bags collected: 396,561

Congratulations to each school! Top five bag producing schools will receive a recycled
plastic bench for their outdoor classroom.

ACC GreenFest Passports - over 85 passports have been returned so far!! See attached
list for participants.

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OUT & ABOUT IN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY

ACC staff programs and partnership with ACC schools during the month of April & May.

3rd Annual Public Works Week Celebration

Once again, ACC Landscape Management, Public Utilities, Solid Waste, Transit, Transportation and Public Works joined forces to showcase their services and the really cool trucks that provide those services. The trucks visited Barnett Shoals, Barrow, Chase Street, Fowler Drive, Timothy, Whit Davis and Whitehead Road Elementary Schools. Thanks teachers, staff and students for making this happen again this year!!

Waist-Free/Waste-Free Lunch Event held for Ms. Sheppard's class at Barrow Elementary in April. Hosted by EarthFare and the ACC Recycling Division.

ACC Recycling Division and Binny attended the Fowler Drive Elementary Science night and talked "worms" (vermi-composting).

ACC Recycling Division did a composting program for three classes at Winterville Elementary (Diary of a Worm and composting columns).

ACC Recycling Division talked recycling at Gaines School Elementary School (four classes).

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REUSED NEWS

Items that need mentioned a second time.

Celebrate Compost Awareness Week

International Compost Awareness Week is scheduled for May 6-12. Visit www.compostingcouncil.org for more information or contact the ACC Recycling Division for the "Think Composting!" coloring books and teacher guides to help celebrate your composting event. Need a compost bin? Contact Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful and purchase one today!

Creating a School Garden?

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful has a gardening tool bank that allows all schools and students to borrow gardening/landscaping hand tools. KACCB would like to help you get your students involved in creating outdoor classroom environments. Call to reserve tools and other gardening resources. ** ACC Green School Activity

Athens in Bloom!

Promote the outdoors as a learning environment! KACCB will provide you with the resources! Plan a lesson related to plant growth and KACCB will give you each student in your class their own flower seeds to plant. Call or e-mail your request to day!

Interested in beautifying your school yard?

A local community member has donated Red Canna Lilies to KACCB. If your school is interested, please send an e-mail with a statement of how you or your students will use the bulbs. Hurry! First come First serve!

AFTER YOU BECOME AN ACC GREEN SCHOOL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: NEW GEORGIA GREEN AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Georgia Green & Healthy Schools (GGHS) is a new collaborative initiative to assist and

support schools in understanding and practicing environmentally sound principals. All public and private/independent schools (grades K-12) in Georgia are invited to participate in this new program. The GGHS program begins with a pledge and is followed by up to three levels of advancement. To participate, students and teachers use assessment tools to conduct school-based investigations. Students practice real life problem solving skills by collecting data, identifying areas that could use improvement, implementing changes, tracking progress, and sharing results. By completing requirements to advance to higher levels, schools earn awards and recognition. Awards include certificate, banner, patches, awards ceremony, and grant eligibility. Schools may also maintain their accomplishments to earn renewal each school year. Visit <http://www.eeingorgia.org/net/content/item.aspx?s=24834.0.68.48.63> for more information.

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