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Athens-Clarke Opportunities and Resources Newsletter - In a Nutshell

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

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LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Recycling Needs

Do you want to expand your recycling program? Need more bins? Have recycling questions? Let the ACC Recycling Division know your recycling needs. We have curbside recycling bins (currently we are waiting for a new shipment), roll-carts and dumpsters to help make your school recycling program easy. NEW this year, we have Binny recycling posters. Just contact Andrew Lentini, andrew@acc-recycle.org for copies.

Bags for Bears - plastic wrap recycling program up and rolling

This year during the months of October - December, the ACC Recycling Division is partnering with Trex and ACC Leisure Services (Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail) collecting Bags for Bears! This year our goal is 405,000 bags or 6,500 pounds of plastic wrap. If the goal is met Trex will donate lumber to Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail for playscapes for the bears, botcats and otters. Additionally, the top five producing schools will receive special prizes from ACC Recycling Division and Leisure Services. Please help us help the wildlife at Bear Hollow! The following schools are participating: Athens Montessori (Tita Gatrell), Barnett Shoals (Freda Williams), Barrow Elementary (Natalie Hicks), Chase Street (Jennifer Folkerts), Clarke Central High School (Elizabeth Upchurch and Meri Blackburn), Clarke Middle School (Steve Sacco), Cleveland Road (Holly Brown), Fowler Drive (Halley Page), Gaines School (Jenna Thiel), Hillsman Middle School (Teresa Johns), Oglethorpe Avenue (Phil Caskey), St. Joseph's Catholic School (Janine Frazza), Timothy Road (Lisa Bendetti and Rebecca Alpaugh) and Whit Davis (Nancy Tisdale). It is not too late if you would like to participate just contact the ACC Recycling Division.

Bag Count Deadlines:

October - Wednesday, October 31st - Happy Halloween

November - Friday, November 30th

December - Friday, December 21st

Final tally sheet with last total due on Friday, January 12th

If you need more cardboard collection bins, posters and/or clear bags let us know. Additionally, please don't raid the bins at local grocery stores for bags. The bags should be brought in from the student body, staff and/or interested community members.

Contact the Recycling Division with questions.

Registered 2007-08 ACC Green Schools

The following schools have registered to become ACC Green Schools (the Green School Coordinator is also listed):

Athens Montessori - Tita Gatrell

Barrow Elementary - Natalie Hicks

Clarke Middle School - Karl Scott

Cleveland Road - Holly Brown

Fowler Drive - Halley Page

Gaines School - Jenna Thiel (still need your form - but I have an e-mail stating your interest in renewing)

Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary - Phil Caskey

St. Joseph Catholic School - Janine Frazza

Timothy Road - Lisa Bendetti

Whit Davis - Sharyn Dickerson

Let us know if there is a mistake or an omission.

We would hate to see the following schools not retain their Green School status - Barnett Shoals Elementary, Chase, Whitehead Road and Winterville.

It is not too late to register! The registration forms for the 2007-08 school year can be found at www.accgreenschools.org (home page). Please send the form to the ACC Recycling Division as soon as possible.

Administrators/Teachers - Recycle Ink Jet Cartridges and Cell phones in your School!

Recycling is not just for kids! Administrators and teachers - get involved! Recycle your ink jet cartridges-- for FREE. KACCB will provide you with postage paid envelopes and a dispenser that can be placed in the main office or in the teacher break room. Your efforts will help the environment while keeping reusable items out of the landfill. In addition, KACCB is offering each school a cell phone recycling drop off container. Once full, KACCB will pick up the phones or your school can easily send it (as the container is also a postage paid shipping box!). Call KACCB for more details. ** This is a Green School Activity.

Need Tools for a School Beautification Project?

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful has a gardening tool bank that allows all schools and students to borrow gardening/landscaping hand tools. KACCB wants to help you get your students involved in creating outdoor classroom environments. Call KACCB to reserve tools or to assist you in your project. KACCB may have other resources available for your garden projects.

Water Conservation Tips - We need your help!

Please help conserve water at your school and educate the students about the NEED of conserving water locally.

Visit the following websites for ideas:

<http://www.monolake.org/socalwater/wctips.htm>

<http://www.conservewater.utah.gov/Tips/>

http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/appendix_a.shtm

Please share your water conservation tips and/or lesson plans with the ACC Recycling Division and we will share them with others.

Free Stuff - Teacher Reuse Store Items

If you didn't make it to the Teacher Reuse Store we still have a few items left for the taking. We have binders, one shelving unit, maps and small backpacks from Cingular Wireless. Please contact the ACC Recycling Division for information or to schedule a pick-up.

Radical Reuse Ideas for the Classroom

Plan a year of reuse - http://www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/elementaryschool/documents/A_year_of_reuse-ideas.pdf.

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, ACC Public Utilities Department and ACC 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

2007 Outdoor Classroom Symposium

Tools of the Trade: The Nuts and Bolts of Outdoor Classroom - Friday, October 12, 2007 Fernbank Science Center. Visit www.eealliance.org for additional symposium information and registration.

If you would like to attend the Symposium and/or are registered to go - Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful will pay your registration fees (or reimburse you for your fees).

Contact the ACC Recycling Division for additional information.

Georgia Recycling Coalition Recycling Grant - Apply today!
In partnership with the Georgia Recycling Coalition, the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation will award \$1000 each

to ten Georgia accredited public or private schools for (A) excellence in existing recycling programs involving the school's entire student and faculty population, (B) proposed expansion of an existing recycling program that will increase volume and participation and/or student and public understanding of recycling, or (C) proposed creation of a new recycling program that will increase student and public understanding of the value of recycling. Visit <http://www.georgiarecycles.org/resources/weyerhaeuser0708applicat.doc> for the grant application and past grant winners. Contact the ACC Recycling Division with questions and/or assistance.

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CALENDAR

October

12 Outdoor Classroom Symposium

31 Halloween - Bags for Bears monthly results due to ACC Recycling Division

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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.).

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OUT & ABOUT IN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY

ACC staff programs and partnership with ACC schools during the month of September.

ACC Recycling Division presented Oglethorpe Elementary school their Students for Recycling check for \$1724 from Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful.

ACC Recycling Division presented Barrow Elementary school their Students for Recycling check for \$362 from Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful.

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REUSED NEWS

Items that need mentioned a second time.

Stormwater Green School Activities

Back by popular demand, the ACC Stormwater Department is offering it's A Day at the Stream puppet show for grades

K-3 and the Stormwater Detective mystery activity for grades 4-6. (See their descriptions below.) For older children,

the department has purchased safe, nontoxic test kits that students can use to learn about the importance of water

quality. Your entire school is invited to participate in a contest to help us name our new stormwater mascot, a

loveable green turtle! Look for details about the contest in upcoming editions of the ACORN, and contact Natalie White

if you are interested in any of these stormwater programs at (706) 613-3440 ext. 383 or nataliewhite@co.clarke.ga.us.

A Day at the Stream Puppet Show

This puppet show educates children about stormwater pollution and how their everyday activities can contribute to or

reduce this environmental problem. This show involves music, sound effects and songs (as well as some very colorful

characters!) and is best suited for grades K-3. ** This is a Green School Activity.

The Stormwater Detective Mystery Book

Have your students become STORMWATER DETECTIVES! Three mysterious cases of pollution are going on in

Centerville, and YOU (the reader) have been called to help! This choose-your-own-adventure style storybook lets each

student "investigate" sites in town to determine where the pollution is coming from, and what can be done to stop it.

Students can work in small groups or individually. Designed for 4th through 6th grade students, this program lasts about

an hour. ** This is a Green School Activity.

Students for Recycling - Bottle Recycling Update

Three schools participated in the Students for Recycling Plastic Bottle Recycling Program last year - Barrow, Chase and Oglethorpe.

Program results are as follows:

Barrow collected 481.25 pounds and will receive \$362 from Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful (KACCB) for participating!

Chase collected 550 pounds and will receive \$414 from KACCB for participating!

Oglethorpe collected 2291 pounds and will receive \$1724 from KACCB for participating! Great job! Recycling Coordinators please contact the ACC Recycling Division and let them know when you would like the check presented to the school. The national results have yet to be released. Stay tuned...

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