





Perry County will be suspending its recycling program beginning March 20th at 4pm in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Most collection containers will be removed from the sites and signs will be posted. Leaving materials at sites during the suspension is considered illegal dumping. This is being done out of consideration of our workers and their families. We hope to resume services soon.



2020 **Spring**



DISTRICT

CONSERVA EDUCTION

SOIL AND WATER COUNTY WASTER

Presents

2020 CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST "WHERE WOULD WE BEE WITHOUT POLLINATORS?"

The theme for the 2020 Conservation Poster Contest is "Where Would We BEE Without Pollinators?". Pollinators form the foundations of a healthy and sustainable future for food and the environment, but in recent years, they have

shown concerning signs of decline. It's important that we work to help them prosper by enhancing native pollinator habitats and protecting against pollinator declines.

The Perry SWCD would like to encourage any student Kindergarten through 12th grade to participate in this contest. Further information has been sent to schools in February. If there are any home schoolers that would like to participate, please contact Perry SWCD at (740) 743-1325 or e-mail penny at penny.cox@oh.nacdnet.net to get the rules and specifics of the county contest.



SHOUT OUT!

Hi to all of you Educators.

I hope you all are well.

Just wanted to let you know that I am thinking about you. During these wild and crazy times that none of us has experienced before, I have been wondering how you have been.

Some of society think you have an easy, cushy job. You go in, you work for 9 months,7 hour days, summers off. Who wouldn't want a job like yours?

I know. Working with teachers, I see what you deal with on a daily basis. You care about your students. You want to them to be successful. I know many of you worry about how your students are faring not in school. Are they getting fed, are they getting love, are they being congratulated, and are they being corrected in the right way?

I think parents that have to try to teach their children during this time, are realizing that your job is not "cushy". They are dealing with one, two, maybe three at a time. You are dealing with upwards to 25 or so students at one time all across the spectrum.

Anyways, just wanted to give you all a "shout out". You have a difficult, important job and you have my respect and admiration.

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Perry County Waste Reduction & Recycling



Composting is something we can do in our own backyards!

Calling all teachers! Life as we know it has been put on "HOLD" to keep everyone safe during the Covid-19 pandemic...

Therefore, The Green School Challenge has been postponed to next school year for Earth Day 2021!

In the meantime... this Earth Day, help students learn the following while practicing physical distancing and pass on a teachable lesson to others as well:

Share ideas in the form of a BRIEF poem, a paragraph, or a 30 second video via tictoc or another usable format-Submit & SHARE:

- how to REDUCE & REUSE & recognize helpful & harmful actions toward the natural environment
- use scientific inquiry; problem solving; civic responsibility

Meet lesson objectives and drive home real world stuff!

Participate and be featured on this 50th Anniversary Earth Day on our social media sites, Wolf Radio and on WHIZ TV!

SUBMIT entries to <u>kcarpenter@perrycountyohio.net</u>

DEADLINE for entries: April 17, 2020





The Perry County Earth Day 50th Anniversary Celebration planned for April 21, 2020 will be postponed until next year, April 20th, 2021. All the same featured programs will still take place at Perry County District Library's special Family Night. The Green School Challenge, Defining REUSE Scholarship Awards, and so much more will all take place at that time! Highlight for the evening will be a special performance by the Banana Slug String Band, coming all the way from California!

Many organizations joined together and worked hard to prepare for this county wide event. The Earth Day Committee (Perry County Waste Reduction & Recycling, Perry Soil and Water Conservation District, and Perry County District Library) sincerely thanks everyone for their support in planning for this family celebration and apologize for this disappointing postponement. Please rest assured we will hold the Earth Day Celebration as planned next year, and it will be as spectacular as ever!

Special thanks to Peoples State Bank, North Valley Bank, The Community Bank, Farm Bureau, Tunnel Hill & WM, Inc., for donating funds to help host the Banana Slugs!

The Slugs are a loveable group of musicians, songwriters, and educators who blend music, theater, puppetry, and audience participation to create a lively learning environment. The Banana Slug String Band has been playing music for kids for over 30 years.

Some Earth Day History: On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans took to the streets, college campuses and city streets, parks and auditoriums to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet. Earth Day was a unified response to an environment in crisis - oil spills, smog, litter, rivers so polluted they literally caught fire! Some may recall the burning of the Cuyahoga River, which inspired Randy Newman to write the song, "Burn On" "...Big River". Rachel Carson's book "Silent Spring", came out big in 1962, setting the stage for concern of our tainted Earth; sighting evidence between pollution and public health. Fifty years ago people joined together in spirit and in action to express their concern for the failing state of our environment.

The first Earth Day founder, Senator Gaylord Nelson, made this a national day to focus on the environment. He recruited Dennis Hayes of Harvard to be the national coordinator, launching a wave of action across the country. This movement transitioned the anti-war movement into an energy filled movement for the environment as well! Earth Day 1970 helped bring about the passage of landmark environmental laws including The Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Act, as well as the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Since going global in 1990, Earth Day now engages more than a billion people and over 190 countries who make this a day of action to provoke policy change.



Let's do our part! Be a good example. Pick up litter, reduce and reuse where you can. Protect water and soil quality and quantity. Live a more sustainable lifestyle this 50th Earth Day and Every Day!

Submitted by the Perry County Earth Day Committee

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