

# THE THREE R'S: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Resources for Educators

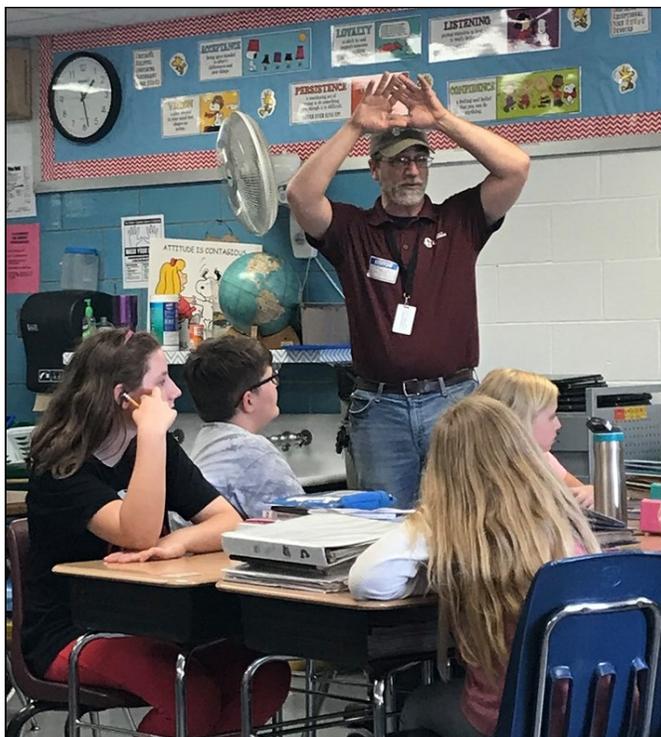


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## Free Education Programs

The Clark County Solid Waste District offers a wide variety of individual classroom education programs for grades K - 8 that focus on recycling, litter prevention, and natural resource conservation.

The benefit to teachers is that the programs are specific to each grade level and they also meet various standards in the Ohio Department of Education's Learning Standards and Model Curriculum. Although the education components of the programs focus more on standards within the science curriculum, they also branch out to cover standards in both the social studies and math curriculums as well. This way recycling education can help teachers' lesson plans by adding supplemental information to lessons they are already teaching.



**Program Specialist Sam Perin explains the importance of recycling to Northridge Elementary 5th grade students during a program entitled "How Long Does Trash Last."**

There are also programs available for high school and college students as well. Programs can be tailored to fit your curriculum.

If you are member of a group, organization, or just want to learn more about the recycling opportunities available in Clark County, we can come to your meeting or event and do a presentation.

A brochure with a detailed list of the school recycling education programs for grades K-8 has been included in this newsletter as an insert. If you are interested in scheduling a

school program, or a program for your group or organization, please contact Sam Perin at 937-521-2022 or by email at [sperin@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:sperin@clarkcountyohio.gov).

**The Clark County Solid Waste District** is dedicated to providing learning opportunities and resources to promote waste reduction practices.

**For more information**, contact Sam Perin at 521-2028, or 1602 W. Main St., Springfield, OH 45504 or e-mail at [sperin@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:sperin@clarkcountyohio.gov).

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# Meet KCCB's youth representatives



Molly Chu is a senior at Emmanuel Christian Academy and is the newest Youth Representative serving the Keep Clark County Beautiful Board. When asked why she wanted to serve on the board, Molly said “My friends served in the past, and I’ve only heard good things about the program. I love my community and want to see it flourish to its full potential.” When asked what she does to help the community she said “I help serve in my community by recycling, picking up litter when I see it, and encouraging others to do the same!”

Molly plans to pursue a career in medicine once she graduates from high school. She participates in a wide variety of activities including volleyball and playing the piano. She also enjoys travelling and hanging out with family and friends.



Ethan Cundiff is also a senior at Emmanuel Christian Academy and served as a Youth Representative during the previous school year. When Ethan was asked if he would like to serve a 2nd term of on the Board, he didn’t hesitate to accept the position. “I look forward to continuing to serve on this board that focuses on and impacts the aesthetics of Clark County, the place I have called home all my life. Nothing enhances my outdoors experiences better than a clean, beautiful environment!”

Ethan is currently undecided as far as his potential college major, but has said he is interested both meteorology and the medical field. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time outdoors, whether it be hiking at a park, playing tennis or running. “I especially love riding my bike recreationally, as this area has many designated trails to enjoy,” he said.

**If you have a student that you think would be a good candidate to be a Youth Representative for the Keep Clark County Beautiful Board for the 2020-2021 school year, please contact Sam Perin by email at [sperin@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:sperin@clarkcountyohio.gov) to find out how to apply.**

# Assembly Program for 1st & 2nd Grades Available



A long standing program that promotes anti-littering messages along with recycling education is still available free of charge for schools. Geared towards large audiences of 1st and/or 2nd graders, "Teaching Trashilla" has been a big hit amongst both students and teachers as it presents lessons on litter prevention and recycling in a very fun and entertaining way.

The staff is also working to put together a special Holiday themed version of the program for teachers looking to have a fun, educational program available for students in the weeks leading up to Christmas Break. Please contact Sam Perin by email at [sperin@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:sperin@clarkcountyohio.gov) for more information about this program.



Students at Clark Shawnee High School won the contest last spring to design a decorated rain barrel for Keep Clark County Beautiful. The rain barrel was raffled off to raise funds for KCCB's beautification projects, such as buying flowers for townships or villages. The photo above shows the students with the finished rain barrel and the winning design. Pictured are students Ashyla Smith, Kat Sprowl, Kayla Johnson, and Daniel Dalton who are the student artists that painted the rain barrel. Look for information in the January newsletter about the next design contest, which will be open to all high school students in Clark County.

## OEEF offers environmental education grants

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) provides grants for projects to educate the public about environmental issues. Grants are offered in two categories: mini-grants of \$500 to \$5,000 and general grants of up to \$50,000.

Schools, universities, park districts, municipalities, outdoor education centers, state agencies, non-profit groups, and others may apply. The grants are accepted in two annual cycles, with one round due in January and a separate round due in July.

Grant proposals should target a specific audience: pre-school through university students and teachers, the general public, or the regulated community, including farmers. A match of at least 10% is required, and an application receives more points for a larger match.

Each year, OEEF publishes areas of interest that are priorities for funding. The priority areas for 2018, examples of past grant winners, and more information are available at the OEEF web page, [epa.ohio.gov/oeef/EnvironmentalEducation](http://epa.ohio.gov/oeef/EnvironmentalEducation).