



District News

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Solid Waste
Management District

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Educational Presentations

District Happenings:

- * June 10th Board of Director's Meeting, 6:30 pm at the Ashley office.
- * HHW program operates on **Friday mornings only** from 8 am—noon.

Donna Magley and Roberta Heffner, District educators wrapped up the 4th R (**reduce-reuse-recycle-rethink**) education program in fourth grade classrooms this past week. For four weeks, students were asked to rethink their waste reduction, reuse and recycling decisions through hands-on activities.

Who Wants to be a Recycling Millionaire? Seventh grade students at Lakeland Middle School did! On May



14th, District educators tested the recycling knowledge of these students and provided role-play activities on the life cycle of an aluminum can.

Nikole McCoy, District

middle school educator presented educational programs at several middle schools in recent months. These sessions reinforce what students were taught during the 4th R program in fourth grade.



Even though it rained, sixth grade students from Central Noble Middle School enjoyed two days at Chain O' Lakes State Park on May 8th. Pam DeCamp, District Program Coordinator presented environmental programs dealing with natural resources, water conservation, recycling and a detailed landfill presentation. Students learned about the landfills construction through a hands-on activity—the **edible landfill**. This activity

was something to remember. Students wrapped up their day by eating the landfill they created.

Nearly 400 fourth grade students were surprised to learn that Exotic Plants, not native to Indiana but found here; is a result of littering. Species such as the **Discard Vine** feature roadside litter including candy and gun wrappers and



potato chip bags. The field day favorite however, was the **Fast Moving Tumbleweed** depicting littered fast food restaurant bags and cups.

Urban Eagles even soared by, showing their plastic wings.

Mission Statement

To assure uniform, efficient, cost-effective solid waste services are available to the citizens of the District.

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District Tidbits

- ⇒ The red, yellow and blue District recycling drop-off stations are not the same program as curbside recycling provided in cities and towns.
- ⇒ The NISWMD does not handle furniture, bedding, large metal objects or items left from garage sales.
- ⇒ Contractors and landscape companies must register before utilizing the compost lots in Angola and Auburn.
- ⇒ The NISWMD can direct you to locations that will accept tires and appliances.

Compost Lots Running at Full Capacity

2008 is not unlike any other year when it comes to the wood mulch generated by residents recycling branches and trees. Compost lots in Angola and Auburn are busy as usual, and Rich Caston and Joe Baysinger, District field staff, have been grinding the wood to free space for the next round of deliveries. So far this year we have seen an increase in volumes especially from urban residents. City trucks made daily trips to the DeKalb and Steuben County Compost lots bringing in 684 cubic yards of brush, grass and leaves during April and May. 115 cubic yards of grass and leaves were handled from lawn service contractors during the same time period. Private entities servicing residential and business customers brought in 72 cubic yards of grass and leaves so far this season. Keep in mind, these **871 cubic yards of yard waste does not include volumes brought in by individuals.**



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76% of Americans
consider themselves
environmentalists?**