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Dear 4th - 9th Grade Teachers,

Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District (PSWCD) is sponsoring a Soil & Water Stewardship Poster Contest open to all Pickaway County students in grades 4-9.

The purpose of the contest is to provide students with an opportunity to share their thoughts about soil, water, and related natural resource issues and to carry their message into Pickaway County.

“Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats” is the 2010 theme selected by the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Each of us can be good stewards of our natural resources at our home and in our communities. When we think about protecting and managing our natural resources we can provide healthy habitats for the ecosystems on our planet. Each of us can make a difference by starting in our own backyard, our school or in our community.

Pickaway SWCD can provide educational materials to introduce students to the theme. Call 477-1693 to request educational materials.

Posters will be judged in two grade level categories: **Grades 4-6** or **Grades 7-9**. Awards will be handed out in each category as follows. First and Second Place receive \$25 & \$10 respectively, Rosettes, and theme related books. Several posters from each classroom will receive Honorable Mention Rosettes. All other participants will receive Participation Ribbons. ***One poster will become our Soil & Water Stewardship Billboard and will be displayed at the Route 23/22 intersection during the month of May.***

First, Second, and Honorable Mention posters will be displayed in the Pickaway County Library during Soil and Water Stewardship Week, April 25 - May 2, 2010. First and Second place posters have a chance to advance to the State and National Contests and compete for cash prizes of \$25 to \$100. In past years, Pickaway county posters have advanced to the state & national levels.

☆Poster size must be 8½” x 11” - LANDSCAPE. ☆ Contest rules are listed on the Flier (attached to my email). Students must complete an Entry Form (with parent signature) and tape it to the back of their poster. Blank Entry Forms are attached to my email and can be printed from the PSWCD website www.pickawayswcd.org. I suggest filling in school & teacher information and then making copies.

- **Posters are due in the PSWCD office by 4:00 PM Thursday, April 1.**
- Group posters by classroom.
- On the Entry Form:
 - designate Classroom with Teacher’s name
 - teachers with more than one classroom:
 - add a Classroom Identifier in space provided
- After the contest:
 - Posters must be picked up at the PSWCD office between May 5 & 10.

If you have questions, contact me at karen-halley@oh.nacdnet.org or 740-477-1693.

Respectfully,

Karen Halley, Pickaway SWCD Education Coordinator