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Dear Teachers,

It's that time of year again: the annual Soil & Water Stewardship Poster Contest! Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District (PSWCD) is once again sponsoring the contest that is 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.

"Where would we *BEE* without Pollinators?" is the theme selected for 2020 by the National Association of Conservation Districts. Pickaway SWCD can provide educational materials to introduce students to the theme. Please call (740) 477-1693 or email katerina-sharp@pickawayswcd.org to request these materials and to let us know you are participating. Posters are due to the Pickaway SWCD office by Friday, **March 6th** at 4:30 p.m.

Posters will be judged in two grade level categories: **Grades 4-6** or **Grades 7-9**. Awards will be handed out for each grade level category. Top placing posters will receive medallions or Honorable Mention Rosettes. All other participants will receive Participation Ribbons.

Top placing posters will be featured on placemats in various Pickaway County restaurants and at the PSWCD Annual Banquet in the fall. First, second, and honorable mention posters will be displayed at the Pickaway County Library during Soil and Water Stewardship Week, April 26-May 2. First place posters advance to the state contest with a chance to advance to the national contest.

Students must complete an entry form (with parent signature) and tape it to the back of their poster for their submission to be counted. Additional forms are available on our Pickaway SWCD website: www.pickawayswcd.org.

Please include the name of the teacher participating in the contest on the entry form. If you have more than one classroom of students participating, please add a Classroom Identifier on the entry form and group posters by classroom. Judges will select posters from across the classes to receive awards.



Thank you for your participation in this fun and educational event!
~Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District Staff

Poster Contest Rules and Guidelines

- ◆ Poster size must be 14" x 22" (half poster) to be considered for state awards-teachers may submit 8.5" x 11" if they wish to have their posters only compete on a local level
- ◆ The 2020 theme "Where would we BEE without Pollinators?" must be written on the poster.
- ◆ No photographs or images of a commercial or copyrighted origin are permitted.
- ◆ Poster must be created by an individual student, not a group of students.
- ◆ Only 1 entry per year is allowed per student.
- ◆ All posters must include an entry form, taped to the back, including parent/guardian signature to be eligible for judging.
- ◆ Colorful, bold-colored posters are the best posters!
- ◆ Posters must be flat. No three-dimensional elements.
- ◆ Posters will be judged in two grade level categories: Grades 4-6 and 7-9.
- ◆ Posters will be judged on the following criteria:
 - 50% Conservation Message and Incorporation of 2020 Theme
 - 30% Visual Effectiveness
 - 10% Universal Appeal
 - 10% Originality
- ◆ Posters are due to the Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District Office by Friday, March 6th at 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ First place posters advance to the State Contest, with a chance to be chosen to go on to the National Contest.

Examples of Past Winners and Honorable Mention Posters

