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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 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.

“**Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities**” is the theme selected for 2021 by the National Association of Conservation Districts. Pickaway SWCD can provide educational materials to introduce students to the theme, and education materials are also provided on the website for teachers interested. Please call or email katerina-sharp@pickawayswcd.org to request the materials and to let us know you are participating. Posters are due to the Pickaway SWCD office by Friday, **March 5** 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. First and second place posters will receive medallions, there will be honorable mention rosettes for several other top placing posters, and 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, and will be displayed at the Pickaway County Library during Soil and Water Stewardship Week, April 25-May 1. First place posters will also be framed and displayed in the Pickaway County Public Library Children's Area for a year. 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. Forms are available on our 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. Rules and guidelines for the contest are also on our website.

Thank you for your participation in this fun and educational event! Good Luck!
~Katerina, Education and Outreach Coordinator, Pickaway SWCD

