

## EarthFest 2008

This past April, Earth Day Coalition proudly and for the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, threw Ohio's largest environmental education event and our nation's longest running Earth Day celebration—EarthFest. Sponsored by more than fifty of the region's most environmentally dedicated for-profit, not-for-profit and municipal organizations, EarthFest 2008 highlighted the greening efforts of 160 community-leading organizations and companies.

Folks from northeast Ohio and beyond poured through the gates at 10:00 am, accompanied by a cool morning rain. Most found just enough time for a quick look-see before Welcoming Ceremonies commenced at the amphitheater. Board President Allan Dreyer spoke briefly and introduced each of the speakers who presented their views on environmental stewardship, the future of conservation, and the hope offered by solutions to climate change. Speakers included: Zoo Director Steve Taylor, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, Cuyahoga County Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones, Cleveland Sustainability Coordinator Andrew Watterson, the USEPA's Amy Zavallo, and Jennifer Maudsley, representing Dennis Kucinich.

Their words, strengthened by their many years of environmental advocacy, led naturally into Hope and Stanley Adelstein's introduction of this year's *Art, Poetry, and Essay Contest* winners. Stanley and his wife Hope have sponsored the contest for many years, and this year's record number of K-12 entries was a point of pride for the couple.

Christina Lorenzoni of Novelis then took the stage to announce the winners of their *2008 Recycle Because You Can!* school recycling contest. In 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place were Notre Dame Cathedral Latin High School, Pleasant Valley Elementary School, and Bay Middle School. Each collected over 100 pounds of cans during the four-week contest—a remarkable feat. Notre Dame weighed in with a staggering 174 pounds.

Welcoming Ceremonies ended with the beginning of an afternoon of live music from some of Cleveland's most talented musicians. *Free Times Awards* winners Tracy



Mayor Frank G. Jackson

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## Walk or Bike for the Earth

EarthFest 2008 was preceded by our annual fundraising event, the Walk or Bike for the Earth, where friends and members of Earth Day Coalition took part in either a 6-mile hike through the Brookside Park Reservation and the zoo or a lengthier bike ride, which this year brought participants from around the city directly to EarthFest at the zoo. Despite gray skies and the early-morning downpour, the Walk or Bike for the Earth was very well attended.

In past years, many of the bicycle participants brought their bikes to the event in their cars. All those bike-miles did little to reduce the overall environmental impact of the event. With *Climate Change*

*Solutions* as the EarthFest theme, it was time for a change. This year's event was modified in response to our members' requests by launching the event from community locations on the East and West sides instead of from the zoo itself. Thanks to Phoenix Coffee in Lakewood and Dewey's Coffee on Shaker Square for their support. Highlighting bicycling as an alternative

means of transportation as apposed to merely a leisure activity, the Ohio City Bicycle Co-op offered free commuter safety courses to all preregistered participants. The Co-op also organized ride leaders to accompany the bike groups and experts in bicycle maintenance and repair to educate and advise our growing bicycling community. We especially appreciate the Ohio City Bicycle Co-op for event support and providing the secure bike parking during EarthFest.

Thank you to the following generous donors for supporting the 2008 Walk or Bike for the Earth: Bruegger's Bagel Bakery, Mrs.

Fields Tower City and Great Northern, Glaceau Vitamin Water, Stone Oven, Wal-Mart Steelyard Commons, Einstein Bagels and Bialys Bagels, Printing Partners in Middleburg Heights, PIP Printing in Garfield Heights, Dave's Supermarket, Amy Joy, Donut Connection, and Donut Scene. Thanks also to the many volunteers, team and board members for your commitment to environmental stewardship, sustaining our mission to provide education, inspire leadership and encourage action for a healthy environment, showing support



2008 Art, Poetry and Essay contest winners



Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones  
 Photos courtesy Claire Russell

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## Environmental Profile: Colin Omilanowski

"Henry saw Marvin Moose and Otto Otter waving goodbye. That made Henry a little sad because he wouldn't see his friends again until the spring. As he spread his wings and took to the sky, Henry saw something."

While an 8th grader at St. Thomas More School in Brooklyn, Colin

Omilanowski participated in a national contest to create an entry for the "Write On! Wetlands Challenge."

The task was to create a children's book written and illustrated by kids, for kids. The contest was created by Environmental Concern

Inc., a non-profit corporation that is dedicated to working with all aspects of wetlands, the most active and fascinating ecosystems in the world. Colin went on to win this competition with his entry titled "Henry Saw Something" about the migration of a blue heron from Canada to Mexico. You can view his winning entry at: [www.wetland.org/education\\_writeon\\_writers.htm](http://www.wetland.org/education_writeon_writers.htm)

Colin and his dad Chet provided some details as to how this soon to be high-school freshman became so enamored of the natural world. Although he believes the most pressing environmental issue

*"It isn't important for everybody to do everything, it is just important that everybody does something."  
EcoTopia Emerging*

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Marie, Ben Kirby, and Rosella rocked the afternoon sprinkles away before the Waterband welcomed the hot sun to the stage and got the crowd to their dancing feet. A big thanks to WKSU and *Cleveland Free Times* for their sponsorship of the concert event and to Gabe Aylward, area coordinator extraordinaire.

Meanwhile, the Welcome Plaza was abuzz. Event goers were treated to a fantastic recycling display skirting the main scaffold, complements of Novelis, Abitibi Bowater, and Royal Oak Recycling. Local news and entertainment station WOIO/WUAB Channel 19/43 were in attendance as always, speaking about their new green campaign, coordinating the Terminal Tower made of painted aluminum cans activity, and filming all of the action. And, there was certainly plenty of it.

Encircling and encompassing the recycling area in the Welcome Plaza was the Clean Transportation Area. John McGovern, Earth Day Coalition's Clean Transportation Coordinator, was in his element surrounded by alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles from American Honda, Congregation of St. Joseph, General Motors, WNWV 107.3 FM The Wave, Great Lakes Brewing Company, Motorcars Toyota, Stratum Energy Solutions, Segway, RTA and ZENN Car. A big thanks to John and the Clean Transportation Area sponsors for educating us on new consumer and fleet-scale options for reducing our transportation cost and pollution.

Perhaps the fastest-growing area at EarthFest is the Local & Organic Foods Area. We are proud to help promote the many dozens of companies and organizations who are now growing locally or supporting local growers through distribution. This year's area was sponsored by WGAR 99.5 FM, *Balanced Living Magazine*, Whole Foods Market, Mustard Seed Market, and Giant Eagle—all of whom are increasing their commitments

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facing northeast Ohio is air pollution, Colin's primary involvement with the environment has been in the area of litter clean-up, especially at area parks and beaches. Colin's eyes light-up when he talks of riding his bicycle or skateboard through Brookside Reservation or taking a drive with his parents through the natural beauty of Rocky River Reservation. While all of us humans have an innate connection to the natural world, Colin seems really excited about



Colin and Chet Omilanowski

it, which is refreshing to see in a young adult. He spends much of his free time volunteering with his dad, who has been an active volunteer, (including at EarthFest) for most of his life.

In regards to getting more people involved in the local effort to protect and rehabilitate our natural environment, Colin believes that it just takes a bit of talking about one's passions. Colin talked to several of his friends about why he volunteers and spends his free time cleaning up beaches and parks, and convinced all of his friends, which ought to be inspiring to the rest of us.



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President's Message

I saw an advertisement that had this title: A Convenient Truth. It was for a full-size SUV Hybrid that proclaimed, "The future of SUVs is here." For a base price of almost \$51,000, you can buy this SUV which gets about 22 miles per gallon. I would complain about this but there is the joke about how you stop the whiny environmentalists - you get in your hybrid and run them over.



The fact is that there is nothing convenient about the challenge that climate change brings. It touches our every day lives in so many ways, from the vehicles we drive (if we choose to drive at all), to the food we eat, to the water we use, to even the light bulbs we choose. Concern for the environment has become a "big tent" that includes all types of people: conservatives, liberals, Democrats, Republicans, old, young, religious, not religious, men, women, all races, blue collar, white collar and so on.

So now that the presidential campaign is gearing up, and the real issues have been fully examined, where do the major political parties' presidential candidates stand on the environment and energy issues? Below is an outline of each of their proposals; while it may be difficult to find an "apples to apples" comparison of their positions, I urge you to go to each campaign's web site (listed below) and get more information. It is crucially important to make an informed choice this November.

John McCain: "Like other environmental challenges - only more so - global warming presents a test of foresight, of political courage, and of the unselfish concern that one generation owes to the next." McCain has developed a set of principles for climate change policy, which should be built on scientifically-sound, mandatory emission reduction targets and timetables; it should utilize a market-based cap and trade system; it must include mechanisms to minimize costs and work effectively with other markets; it must spur the development and deployment of advanced technology; and it must facilitate international efforts to solve the problem. ([www.johnmccain.com](http://www.johnmccain.com))

Barack Obama: "Well, I don't believe that climate change is just an issue that's convenient to bring up during a campaign. I believe it's one of the greatest moral challenges of our generation." Obama has developed a plan for a clean energy future that includes reducing carbon emissions 80% by 2050, investing in a clean energy future, supporting next generation biofuels, setting America on a path to oil independence, improving energy efficiency 50 percent by 2030, and restoring U.S. leadership on climate change. ([www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com))

Northeast Ohio  
Clean Transportation  
Program

reduction practices.

Attaining US EPA air quality standards for fine particle pollution (PM 2.5) is critical not only for our region's economic vitality, but also for the health of our citizens. Fine particles are less than 1/30th the width of a human hair and are the result of incomplete combustion of fossil fuels. They are composed of sulfate, nitrate, chloride, carbon, and various metals. Their size is small enough to pass through the lung's alveoli and into the surrounding capillaries, and, therefore the bloodstream.

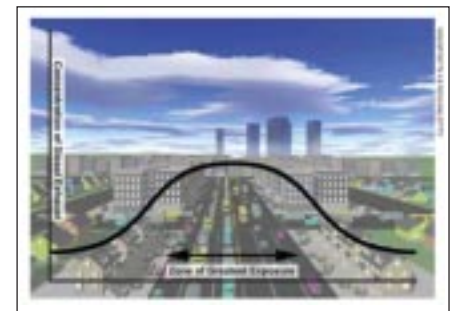
Exposures to high levels of fine particle pollution are of special concern to infants, children, and the elderly as it heightens the risk for cardio and pulmonary disease. To learn more about fine particle pollution and check today's air quality, go to [www.noaca.org/fp3.html](http://www.noaca.org/fp3.html).

Diesel retrofits include several devices, which reduce emissions through a variety of catalysts and/or filters. More information can be found at [www.earthdaycoalition.org/cleanfuels/Technologies](http://www.earthdaycoalition.org/cleanfuels/Technologies).

Engine re-powers are utilized when the life of the body or chassis lasts longer than the engine. In such a case, a new low emissions engine, sometimes powered by a cleaner burning fuel such as compressed natural gas, can extend the serviceable life of the machine, while reducing the cost that would have been incurred by a complete vehicle replacement.

Last, idle-reduction policies are a simple and effective way to reduce fuel use and therefore emissions by reducing idling when vehicles are stopped. Other than the education of drivers, implementation of an idle-reduction practice takes little time and/or money, but can have instant results with a long-term benefit. Learn more about idle-reduction at [www.earthdaycoalition.org/cleanfuels/Practices](http://www.earthdaycoalition.org/cleanfuels/Practices).

*If your business or city is interested in having this information presented to fleet managers and/or decision makers, please call Clean Transportation Program Coordinator, John McGovern at 216-281-6468 x223.or send an email to [jmcgovern@earthdaycoalition.org](mailto:jmcgovern@earthdaycoalition.org).*



Earth Day Coalition is working with the Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign, the Ohio Environmental Council and the Clean Air Task Force on the Cleveland Clean Diesel Campaign. The chart above shows diesel emissions' serious public health risk and diesel's zone of greatest exposure. Join the Campaign to reduce harmful diesel emissions in our community. Here is a list of some of the tools and resources available for cities, schools and businesses available on line from our web site or by calling John McGovern: 2007 Cleveland Diesel Hot Spots Report; Diesel Clean-Up Platform sign on form; School bus survey, school program signage, window clings and program information; and, Municipal idle reduction outreach and sample legislation.



## Pregnant Women and Children Are Cautioned on Dental Mercury

The Food and Drug Administration recently added a statement on safety concerns regarding mercury in dental fillings to their website, saying they may have toxic effects on fetuses and young children. The FDA agreed to post the warning about the dangers for developing human brains to settle a lawsuit by a collection of environmental groups, consumers and state officials. The FDA website now also states that "Some other countries follow a 'precautionary principle' and avoid the use of dental amalgam in pregnant women." The FDA also provides links to advice about dental amalgams from regulatory agencies in other countries at [www.fda.gov/cdrh/consumer/amalgams.html](http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/consumer/amalgams.html).

## Home Depot Will Recycle Compact Fluorescent Bulbs



Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) are an easy way to save energy. But they must be disposed of properly after use because they contain small amounts of mercury. Recycling them is about to get easier because Home Depot will now take back used compact fluorescents in all 1,973 of its stores in the U.S., creating the nation's most widespread CFL recycling program. Check our web page for more information on CFLs at [www.earthdaycoalition.org/programs\\_mercury.php](http://www.earthdaycoalition.org/programs_mercury.php).

## Nature Preserve Update

"Migration Mania: Onward and Northward" at the Dike 14 Nature Preserve attracted over 250 people including over 40 volunteers on Saturday, May 3. Despite a rainy and cool morning we got to experience the city of Cleveland's only nature preserve along the shore of Lake Erie. Members of the North Eastern Ohio Education Association also attended the open house. Sixty-one species of birds were spotted on site. There were special hour-long guided hikes at 7:30 am, and 8:00 am, led by renowned Northeast Ohio naturalists. Stops along the mile-long trail were staffed by the region's leading environmental education organizations sharing information on geography, history, plants and animals.

There is lots of research activity on-site this summer. Susan Gallagher from the Ohio Lepidopterists is conducting the fourth year of a butterfly survey and finding incredible number counts of various species of butterflies. Dr. Chris Stanton from Baldwin Wallace is working with students on a herpetology survey of Dike 14. Students placed green tin sheets (pictured here) and wooden cover boards around the property to attract snakes and amphibians. There are turtle traps in the wetland areas. Students are also monitoring the presence and quality of the aquatic habitats, sampling them for aquatic life, will compare Dike 14's pools to vernal pools in the Metroparks and taking a weekly breeding bird census.



Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 20, 2008** from 7:30 am to 11:00 am for the next open house tour of the Nature Preserve. It will be prime butterfly migration season and your chance to see the amazing diversity of butterfly species and numbers on site.

## Welcome New and Renewing Members

Welcome to the newest members of the Earth Day Coalition and thank you to all who have renewed membership for 2008. We are happy to have you help improve the health, quality of life and environment of the greater Cleveland community.

David Abbott, Paul Alsenas, Carol Archuleta, Micahel Arcuri, Dr. Kathleen Barber, Diana Bjel, Gary & Martha Boska, Carol Brailer, Mary & Dick Breitenstein, Christine Brock, Tashia Burch-York, Joyce Burke-Jones, C & S Engineers, Charles L. Caito, Marge Cambareri, Cleveland Natural Science Club, Virginia S. Daly, Rose & Lee DeAngelis, Mary & William Denihan, Laura DePasquale, John Dido, Joyce M. Dodrill, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Donaldson, Jane Dugan, David Dvorak, Mona Jean Fahnert, Susan Fine, Charles Frederick, Giant Eagle, Inc., Bill Golden, Diane M. Gorsek, Bill Gruber, Dennis & Marian Hahn, Cathy Hall, James Handelman, Maria Heutsche, Hauke J. Hille, Craig Hoffman, Ron Howard, Susan Huhta, Deb Ing, Daniel A. Jaffe, Ellison Johnson, Peter Lawson Jones, Michelle & Wadih Karim, Roseanna Keough, Claire Kilbane, Mark E. Kilkenny, Linda Kimmy, Karen M. Koral, Terrie Kuehn, Eric Lambert, Jackie Levanduski, Colleen Lipaj, Michael Longs, Richard Love, Mary Madeja, Brian Malone, Paige Manginello, Michelle A. Manzo, Paul McClain, Catherine & Ronald McCutcheon, Barbara McGinty, Janet McKnight, Donald M. McPherson, Lin P. Miller, Linda New, Jackie Noga, Debra M. O'Connell, Sarah O'Keefe, Benjamin Ouellette, Jim Owen, Deborah Pfeiler, Allen & Lynn Pfenninger, Kristen M. Pinta, Marianne Piterans, Planet Aid, Deborah Pniewski, Bernadette Puleo, Aaron Reincheld, Gretchen Robertson, Melissa Rodrigo, Ellen Rothfus, John A. Rowland, Danielle M. Ruiz, Bob & Barbara Sabo, Carol Sabo, John & Karen Sanders, Andrew Sekura, Linda Sekura, Jennifer Shepard, Robert G. Shirella, Pauline Silverman, William T. Skowronski, Gail Smith, Janet Smith, Lisa Stroh, Sue Suppan, Nancy Swizynski, JoAnne Tessmer, Holly D. Tucker, Timothy R. Verhey, Kary L. Whearty, Paula Werderitsch, Robin R. Wilson, Yvonne Wolfe, Erika Woolson, Ron Yarian, Patricia & Jack Zeller, and Matt & Michelle Zone.

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## Go Green! It's the In Thing

Going Green is the real thing for these Student Environmental Congress kids. Not just because it's what everybody is talking about these days, not just because it's finally cool, but because they know its value.

They know it is important to their health, their community, and their future. Students from eight suburban and inner-city high schools gathered April 10 to conduct workshops for each other on the environmental health and well being of several Greater Cleveland communities. Earth Day Coalition's (EDC) 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Environmental Congress showcased eleven projects covering topics that range from limiting the use of Styrofoam, watershed restoration, vermi-composting and invasive species.

Students worked on their projects the entire year, and in some cases, several years. The teens represent, Garrett Morgan High School, Max Hayes High School, Whitney Young High School, John Hay High School, West Geauga Middle School, Beachwood High School, Brush High School, and Notre Dame Cathedral Latin. John McGovern, Director of the EDC's Clean Transportation Program presented this year's keynote with a theme of "Breathe Easy." Mr. McGovern works with fleet managers, institutional and municipal leaders, and citizens to implement clean transportation (fuel, practice, and technology) solutions for Northeast Ohio.

Although the focus of this conference centers on the student's research work, the most meaningful effort continues onward after



the conference through community service projects, such as:

Students at West Geauga Middle School, as part of a watershed restoration project, have sent hundreds of postcards to state representatives encouraging them to make the spotted salamander Ohio's State Amphibian, an excellent choice as it is present in 86 of Ohio's 88 counties and an indicator species of poor water quality. Ohio does not currently have a State Amphibian. They have been educating their peers on the importance of wetland

preservation by establishing an Outdoor Classroom in a wetlands area at their school. They help other local schools establish their own Outdoor Classroom areas, and have developed "kits" for science teachers to use in these areas.

Brush - Students set a goal to eliminate Styrofoam school lunch trays. After much research, they have sent letters and met with administrators about switching to a 'greener' alternative (recycled paper or

biodegradable trays) or use re-useable plastic trays at the school.

Garrett Morgan - Over 50% of waste produced in Ohio is compostable. Garrett Morgan is attempting to do their part in reducing waste by vermi-composting (worm) kitchen scraps collected from the cafeteria and their homes and are using the compost produced in their school garden. After feeding the worms for 4 months, their population has doubled and the students separated the worms to make more worm bins for 10 community members (*pictured here*). In addition to supplying the worms the

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## Summer Interns

Archana Malla, from Nepal, is pursuing her Master's degree in Environmental Safety and Occupational Health at The University of Findlay. She has volunteered in organizations such as Amnesty International-Nepal, Transparency International-Nepal and the Center for Urban Water and has experience in teaching, community awareness and research programs regarding solid waste management and natural resource management. Archana is working on Ohio's Fish Consumption Advisory project to increase awareness among people about the health risks associated with the consumption of sport and commercial fish.

Becky Naab is a Sustainability and Political Science double major at Baldwin-Wallace College. Her Environmental Justice Internship at Earth Day Coalition is a perfect match. Currently she is working on Neighborhood Audit Profiles of various Cleveland communities. Becky looks forward to continuing her education through graduate school, and, in the future, hopes to work on environmental policy in cities across the United States.

Elizabeth Palda is a senior at Hiram College majoring in Environmental Studies with an Area of Concentration in Environmental Legislation. Her Environmental Justice

internship has allowed her to apply and expand her knowledge of environmental law to the Neighborhood Audit Profiles. Elizabeth plans to continue her education by going to law school with a focus on environmental legislation.

Claire Pavlak fulfilled her senior project obligations at Hathaway Brown School by working on the 'Eco Heroes project', a portion of the Neighborhood Audit Program. She interviewed environmentally active members of Cleveland neighborhoods and learned about many inspiring efforts. Claire is considering double majoring in business and environmental science in college and wanted real-world experience in these fields to help decide on a future career path.

David Wilt, an employee of NASA Glenn Research Center, has joined Earth Day Coalition as part of a NASA Leadership Development Program. Dave spent his NASA career focused on the development of advanced solar cells and other energy conversion technologies. At EDC, Dave is supporting the Clean Transportation Program through efforts with the Biodiesel Demonstration Project with the City of Cleveland and by developing outreach/education materials regarding the health and economic impacts of fine particle pollution.

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to local and organic produce and its promotion across the region and beyond.

Adjacent to the colorful and delicious food displays was the Environmental Science Area, sponsored by the North East Ohio Regional Sewer District, Cleveland Public Power, and Scene Magazine. The area, which is also the proud home of the *Art, Poetry, and Essay Contest* display, is a perennial family favorite with NASA's large exhibition.

Sponsors and members of Earth Day Coalition could then embark from here to the VEP (Very Environmental Persons) Area, sponsored and catered by Whole Foods. This year, the VEP Area was a 'zero waste' zone—all trash was either composted or recycled by Whole Foods in partial partnership with CMSD Garrett Morgan High School, who provided a working vermicomposting display. We also thank the Sanford-Brown Institute for the afternoon massages, helping make the VEP Area a holistically healthy experience. And, we could not have done this area, the Local & Organic Foods Area, or the Science Area without our dedicated and hard-working area coordinators Nicole Vaudrin and Cecilia Miller. Thank you.

The pachyderm building was also full of a lot more than just elephants. Crowds visited with Ohio E-Check to learn about their role in Ohio transportation and chat with representatives from the Metroparks Zoo to learn more about their upcoming plans for the new elephant habitat. And, a pachyderm-sized thanks to Sherry Petkovsek and her band of merry facepainters. EarthFest just wouldn't be the same without all those painted cheeks!

And speaking of kids' activities, a lot more was in store for younger visitors just up the hill at the Children's Area located in the Primate, Cat and Aquatics building. Area sponsor Radio Disney was on site with their music and performers; eco-games and educational activities were a-plenty. Thank you to all groups who performed and who sponsored the games and crafts in the area, including the OooEee Talent Troupe, Bank of America, EPICS, Macy's, Miss Cleveland Royalty Court, and the Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School volunteers. All this fun could never have been possible without Sarah Bloom, our coordinator for the Children's Area. Much love for your commitment, creativity and patience.

The Green Home Improvement Area was filled with local businesses providing environmentally friendly goods and services for the home. Honoring us with their sponsorships were The Freshaire Choice Paints, NOACA, CH2M Hill Constructors, Oatey, Renewal By Andersen, the Cleveland Green Building

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students also provided all materials for making the bins as well as offering education on bin maintenance.

John Hay - Located relatively close to Dike 14 Nature Preserve, that's where students have placed their focus. This year students worked on signage for a garden they planted last fall. The Dike 14-inspired garden contains many common native and non-native plant species growing on the Dike. Students also visited a Cleveland kindergarten where they led Dike 14-related nature activities and installed a native plant garden.

Whitney Young High School - With a focus on energy and air pollution, these students wanted to be part of reducing air pollution in Cleveland. They conducted outreach on idle-reduction and still plan to plant trees.

Max Hayes High School - Working on the issue of invasive species and being located near Lake Erie, these students headed to Edgewater Park to rid the beachfront of invasive plants.

Notre Dame Cathedral Latin - Even before the rising fuel costs, The Environmental Club was interested in biodiesel: how to make it, what are its benefits and how can it help the environment. They made biodiesel and started plans on how they could reduce energy use and air pollution using biodiesel, starting on their school campus.

*If you are high school age and want to 'Go Green' please contact Dawn Wrench for more information on how to get involved in the Student Environmental Congress at 216-281-6468 x225 or [dwrench@earthdaycoalition.org](mailto:dwrench@earthdaycoalition.org).*



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Coalition, and the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. From zero-VOC indoor latex paints, to rideshare and air quality programs, to ecologically and economically smart construction and renovation options, environmentally improving our living space and our living habits is a vitally important solution to climate change. A special thanks to Pam Davis of NOACA for her work in coordinating this major exhibit.

And finally, the last stop for many was the Eco Non-Profit Area with nearly 80 exhibitors packed into the Palava Hut. This area, representing the full spectrum of environmental advocacy and education organizations, is immediate inspiration to anyone feeling overwhelmed by the looming crisis of global climate destabilization. We at Earth Day Coalition are proud to give our community a forum at EarthFest and facilitate collaboration and cooperation for the greater ecological, economic, and social good. Thank you to Brandy Carney, area coordinator for 2008 and former EarthFest coordinator. We wish you and your growing family well.

This non-stop day of environmental fun could not be possible without the support of our many sponsors. Thanks to Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Director Steve Taylor and Elaine Straka for their continued support. Also, thank you to The Cleveland Foundation, The George Gund Foundation, Cuyahoga County

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and raising funds for environmental education programming here in Northeast Ohio. We thank Judy Saletel, District Manager of Jazzercise, for showing us the Jazzercise warm up moves and starting our walk. Thanks go to Third Federal Savings and Loan participants for carrying the Walk banner. We appreciate the efforts of the Tri-C West volunteers for making sure everyone got a healthy snack in our event reception tent and the Tri-C Metro volunteers for helping check in and register walkers.

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Mark your calendars for the 11th annual *Instrumental Evening for the Earth* on Wednesday, November 12. More details below.



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### 2008 Earth Day Coalition Members and Volunteers Party

All current Earth Day Coalition members and active volunteers are invited to join us for an exclusive members/volunteers only hike at the Dike 14 Nature Preserve featuring the gorgeous fall butterfly migration and stunning views of Cleveland's lakefront, on **Saturday, September 20 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.**

We'll start the afternoon off with a private visit to the Nature Preserve, followed by yummy s'more snacks at the adjoining Lakefront State Park.

**Please call the office at 216-281-6468 x221 to RSVP (and join or update your membership if it has expired).**



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On **Wednesday, November 12, 2008** at West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm Earth Day Coalition is celebrating our 11<sup>th</sup> annual benefit reception, silent auction, and chamber music concert. Daniel McKelway and Lembi Veskimets of the world-famous Cleveland Orchestra will welcome friends in a spirited and personal performance.

Proceeds of this year's benefit will ensure the continued success of the year-round environmental education and leadership programs of Earth Day Coalition.

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