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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

BY SPENCER RYAN:

30 Years of Commitment

As we prepare for the 30th Anniversary of the Alabama Coastal Cleanup, I have had the opportunity to not only be reminded of how far the PALS organization has come since 1987, but also time to refresh my memory of the many people that have made the Alabama Coastal Cleanup the success story that it has become. The staff at ADCNR/State Lands Coastal Section, past and current dedicated Zone captains, faithful Corporate Sponsors, and 87,578 committed volunteers have picked up 1,598,283 pounds of litter and debris and have covered 5,441 miles of Alabama coastline. Talk about Commitment! PALS is blessed to have the honor and opportunity to work with dedicated and committed people every day in each of our statewide programs. Thank you for commitment and for your part in making our great state truly Alabama the Beautiful.

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ALABAMA COASTAL CLEANUP CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF

"Keeping the Trash Out of the Splash"



This is shaping up to be a big year for the Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup. In the 30 years since its humble beginning with just 2 cleanup sites, the program has grown to include over 30 cleanup sites and more than 5,000 volunteers annually.

2017 ALABAMA PALS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone # _____

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☐ Litter Free Leader: \$100

☐ PALS Advocate: \$50

☐ PALS Partner: \$25

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ALABAMA PALS MISSION STATEMENT

*"Alabama Communities Working
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More Beautiful Alabama"*

THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

BY JEFF HELMS, CHAIRMAN, ALABAMA PALS

Summertime for many families means sun, sand and seaside vacations and, for three decades, Alabama PALS has helped make those experiences more enjoyable through the Coastal Cleanup.

Each year, thousands of local volunteers "Get the Trash out of the Splash" as Alabama joins conservation-minded people around the world for a day dedicated to litter control and education.

Sept. 16 will mark a significant milestone for PALS when we celebrate the 30th Alabama Coastal Cleanup. From Dauphin Island to Perdido Bay and Gulf Shores to Chickasaw, families, churches, clubs, businesses and government agencies will join forces to pick up trash along the beaches, roadways, rivers and even underwater.

Since the program began, 87,000 volunteers have collected more than 1.6 million pounds of litter, and this year promises to be the best Alabama Coastal Cleanup yet.

It's truly inspiring to see thousands of people working together for a common goal – to make our beaches, oceans and coastal communities cleaner, safer and healthier for residents, visitors and marine life. The day is even more impactful when you stop to consider similar efforts are taking place simultaneously around the globe during International Coastal Cleanup.

As with any accomplishment there are unsung heroes who make Alabama Coastal Cleanup possible, and none are more important to its success than

Phillip Hinesley's team at the Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, State Lands Division, Coastal Section.

These individuals work countless hours registering volunteers, organizing supplies, scheduling dumpster pickups and coordinating cleanup efforts with local, state and federal agencies and organizations. To watch them work is amazing. They orchestrate a complicated dance involving thousands of people without complaining or grumbling. No one is too important for any job, and everyone pitches in to make the day a success.

Come to think of it. That kind of selfless cooperation and teamwork is what Alabama PALS is all about. In communities and cities across the state, PALS rallies individuals from diverse backgrounds to fight a common enemy – litter.

Along adopted highways and during cleanups, we aren't Democrats and Republicans, blue collar and white collar or Roll Tide and War Eagle. We're fellow servants working toward a shared vision – a more beautiful Alabama.

As we prepare for the 30th Coastal Cleanup, I want to thank our partners in the Coastal Section and all the volunteers and sponsors who make the third Saturday in September one of the best days of the year.

It's also a great time to remember how much can be accomplished when we unite for the common good.

– Jeff

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

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Do you realize that in 1987 Ronald Reagan was President of the United States, the Super Bowl Champs were the 1987 New York Giants, Jim Baker resigned from the PTL Club, the 200th Anniversary of the US Constitution was celebrated, "Good Morning Vietnam" was on the big screen, Dale Earnhardt (Not Jr.) won the Winston Cup, and PALS was working with ALDOT to begin the Alabama Adopt A Mile Program. I think that you will agree, 30 years has passed by quickly and much has been accomplished. Thank you for your continued support and commitment and we look forward to working with you and your groups and volunteers in the next chapter of this wonderful and committed PALS organization.

September 16th will be the 30th Anniversary of the Alabama Coastal Cleanup, and we hope that you and your families, business and volunteers will join us at one of the 30 zones along the Alabama coastline. This year the Alabama Coastal Cleanup will celebrate this milestone by adding plastic recycling at all 30 zones. We are extremely excited about this addition and are appreciative of ALL of the business, volunteers and additional volunteers that have given countless hours in planning and coordinating the undertaking. I also want to thank all of our dedicated and faithful Corporate Sponsors for their role in making the Alabama Coastal Cleanup one of the most successful coastal efforts in the country.

The 2017 "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Spring Cleanup was one of the most successful cleanup efforts in PALS history. To date, with approximately 80% of Report Forms accounted

for, over 400 tons of litter has reported picked up during the 2 weeks of the 2017 cleanup. There are so many to thank for this success story. ALDOT, the PALS Corporate Sponsors, the Association of County Commissions, county and city coordinators, and the thousands of statewide volunteers all partnered together to make this 2017 Spring Cleanup a continuing effort that pays great dividends for Alabama.

Inside this issue, you will find information on the 2017 Governor's Awards Program, as well as Nomination Forms for the annual awards nominees. You will also find the Nomination Forms for the 2016-17 Alabama Clean Campus program. Please take time to nominate your groups, volunteers, businesses, cities and counties for this annual awards program. The Clean Campus Program state winners, along with all of the category winners will be recognized on November 8th at the Governors Awards Program at the Marriott at Capitol Hill in Prattville. We look forward to seeing you and having you and your groups as our guests on this special day!

Again, thank you for your support and commitment and we look forward to serving each of you and your special groups in the future. Thank you for ALL that you mean to PALS and our state.



Spencer Ryan
Executive Vice President



Lucy Buffett, LuLu's; John McCinnis, FloraBama; Spencer Ryan, PALS During PSA recording for 2017 Alabama Coastal Cleanup

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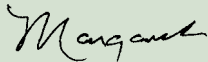
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MESSAGE FROM:

MARGARET McELROY
State Adopt-A-Mile Coordinator

2017 marks one of the largest growth periods for the Alabama Adopt a Mile Program. This can be attributed to the dedicated and committed groups and individuals that I have the honor to serve in my role of Alabama Adopt A Mile Coordinator. Your dedication to making Alabama a leader in this effort continues to make our state and federal highways county roads safer and cleaner for all Alabamians, as well as the thousands that visit Alabama annually.

Thank you for your time, effort and commitment and please let me know how I can best serve you and your groups as we look to continue the growth of the Alabama Adopt A Mile program.



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ALABAMA ADOPT-A-MILE PARTICIPATION FORM

Please Complete and Return to The PALS Office
340 North Hull Street / Montgomery, AL 36104

Name of Participating Group _____

Name of Group or Individual on Sign _____

City _____ County _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email Address of Contact Person _____

State Highway Number _____ Federal Highway # _____ County Highway or Road # _____

Location of Sign: Mile Marker# _____ to Mile Marker # _____

_____ Currently Participating

_____ Not Participating at This time and want sign taken down

_____ Participating But Sign Needs Replacing or Repaired

Adopt-A-Mile Program Application for Highway Adoption - State/Federal

City _____

County _____

Applicant (Participating Organization) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Highway section(s) you propose to adopt:

(minimum of one mile)

State or U.S. Highway Number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

State or U.S. Highway Number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

Authorized Signature of Applicant

Recommended for Approval:

Approved: _____
District Engineer, Alabama Dept. of Transportation

Interested in "adopting"

Fill out application form and mail to:

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Form/Application can be submitted
online at alpals.org

County Adopt-A-Mile Program Application for County Road Adoption

County _____

Applicant (Participating Organization) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Road section(s) you propose to adopt:
(minimum of one mile)

County Road Number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

County Road Number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

Authorized Signature of Applicant

Recommended Approval:

County Engineer

Chairman, County Commission

Approved: _____
District Engineer, Alabama Dept. of Transportation

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MESSAGE FROM:

JAMIE MITCHELL – Clean Campus State Coordinator

Back-to-School was always one of my favorite times of year! New clothes, new supplies, and always a very clean campus on which to return! I still remember the smell of school on that first day! One of the reasons I love the Clean Campus Program so much, is that it helps students to strive to keep their campuses just as clean and visually appealing as it was on that first day. But the Clean Campus Program is so much more than just “keeping the campus clean.” The Clean Campus Program also encourages students to become good stewards within their community and state at large.

The Clean Campus Program is moving into the digital age this year, and all of our curriculum plans will now be found online. We will also have a “helpful links” section as a resource for teachers and administrators as they plan the new school year. As always, I am available to come speak to schools throughout the state on littering, reusing, and recycling, too.

If a school near you is interested in becoming a part of the Clean Campus Program this year, please have them contact me by phone at (334) 263-7737 or by email at jamie@alpals.org. They may also sign up for the Clean Campus Program on our website at www.alpals.org.

MESSAGE FROM:

JOHN COOPER

Director, Alabama Department of Transportation

The Alabama Department of Transportation and Alabama PALS are dedicated to keeping our state's roadways clean. The nearly 30-year partnership between our organizations has brought together state government, non-profit groups and volunteers to keep Alabama beautiful with our Adopt-a-Mile Program.

The men, women and particularly young people who volunteer their time to helping keep Alabama's environment beautiful and roads clean are the most important factor in our efforts. When these dedicated volunteers remove hundreds of tons of litter from highways every year it saves Alabama taxpayers millions of dollars in cleanup costs. The impact on the environment is immeasurable.

The roads we drive everyday are also the roads people visiting from all over the country see when they make their way to our stunning coast or to our many beautiful towns and cities. We may overlook and take for granted the scenic views we get when we're driving to work or running errands, but visitors to our great state do not. Let's continue doing everything we can – and to encourage others to join us – to help make a positive lasting impression by being good stewards in how we dispose of our trash. It's our responsibility to protect Alabama's environment.

On behalf of ALDOT, thank you for your commitment to our ongoing battle against litter. Together, we're making a difference.

– John

CLEAN CAMPUS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FORM

Either fill out form and mail to Alabama PALS Attn: Jamie Mitchell

340 N. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104 or apply online at www.alpals.org

Current Member? ____ Y or ____ N Circle One: City School County School Private School

City: _____ County: _____

Participating School: _____

Address: _____ + _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email for Contact Person: _____

Our school has reviewed the requirements for the Alabama PALS Clean Campus Program and is therefore applying to be a participating school in this statewide program.

Signed: _____ (Contact Person)

Date: _____ Phone: _____

PRINCIPAL PERMISSION

I, _____ (Principal), give consent for _____ school to participate in the Alabama PALS Clean Campus Program for the 2017-2018 school year.

Signed: _____ (Principal) Date: _____

THE 2017 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 • 12 Noon

The Marriott at Capitol Hill

Prattville, Alabama



Make Plans Now to Join Us On This Special PALS Day!
Bring Your Chapter Leaders, Volunteers and Others That
Share A Vision Of A Cleaner and More Beautiful Alabama.

*We Look Forward to Having You And Your
Guests Join Us For This Special Awards Day.*

2017 GOVERNORS AWARDS PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. Competition is open to ALL Alabama City and Counties
2. Nominations for outstanding anti-litter projects by individuals, organizations, Businesses, civic groups, PALS Chapters and Affiliates, schools, etc. will be accepted in following categories.

Vulcan Volunteer of the Year • County • City • Special Media
Honda "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Award • Education • Judicial • Law Enforcement
Business and Industry • Adopt A Mile • Adopt A Stream • Don Hines Memorial Award
3. Nominations should include name of nominee, name of person nominating, description and classification of nominee, location of nominee's anti litter activity, size of area affected, number of individuals involved, length of time of project, and a narrative of work accomplishments.
4. Final judging for the statewide awards will be determined only from nominations forwarded to the PALS Office.
5. Nominations MUST be submitted to the PALS office at 340 North Hull St., Montgomery, AL 36104 by **October 12, 2017.**
6. Statewide winners will be recognized with a handsome plaque to be presented At the PALS Governors Awards Program on November 8, 2017.

***We wish you and your Groups the Best and
Look Forward to Recognizing Each of Your Winners!!!!***

(Scrapbooks, Articles and Pictures are Encouraged)

Narrative for Award _____

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FRONTIER GIRLS TROOP 177



Environmental Fair at Mercedes Benz

SPRING CLEANUP



Autauga County – Marbury Senior Center and Marbury Middle School Beta Club thinking of Mr. Woodfin.



Autauga County – Billingsley Senior Center Anti-Litter Message to the Community.

Houston County commissioner seeking a reduction in litter

Lance Griffin, Apr 14, 2017

A Houston County commissioner is hoping county residents get serious about litter.

District 2 Commissioner Doug Sinquefield took a moment during last week's county commission meeting to urge residents not to litter and to become vigilant about litter problems around their neighborhood.

"I get more calls about the litter in the county than I do just about anything else," Sinquefield said. "We just need to get more aware about the problem."

Sinquefield said he would like to see schools participate in the Alabama PALS (People Against A Littered State) Clean Campus Program, which suggests campus-wide cleanups on a regular basis as well as organized cleanups in nearby areas outside campus as well.

PALS and the Alabama Department of Transportation partner to administer the Adopt-A-Mile Program in which organizations, families, churches or other groups can adopt a mile of highway for a two-year period to maintain its cleanliness.

Groups interested in the Adopt-A-Mile program can identify the mile of highway, then fill out an online application by visiting alpal.org and clicking on the Adopt-A-Mile program link. A sign identifying the mile of highway and adopting organization will be erected. Groups are encouraged to clean their mile every four to six weeks.

Sinquefield said a clean county encourages more visitors, people who want to move here, and businesses interested in locating.

"If we can't keep our own county clean, why would people or industry want to come?" Sinquefield said.



LANCIE GRIFFIN/DOTHAN EAGLE

Discarded cans, bottles and plastic rest along the side of Sanitary Dairy Road in east Houston County on Friday. County Commissioner Doug Sinquefield has urged residents to be vigilant about littering in the county.

Sinquefield also reminded residents about Alabama's littering laws. Criminal Littering and Highway Littering are both Class C misdemeanors, punishable by a fine of up to \$500. It is also against the law for operators of vehicles with large loads of gravel, rock, slag, etc., to construct their loads in such a way that the contents fall freely onto the highway.

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SPRING CLEANUP



SPRING CLEANUP SUMMARIES

MAY 13

- Center Point: 68 volunteers picked up 3.0 tons of trash from along 5 miles of roadways. Photos included.

APRIL 17:

- Irondale: 35 volunteers picked up litter from along various roadways collecting 1.0 ton of trash.

APRIL 21:

- Fairfield: 12 volunteers picked up litter from along 8 miles of roadways collecting 0.60 tons of trash.

APRIL 22:

- Graysville: 14 volunteers picked up litter from along 7 miles of roadways collecting 2.34 tons of trash.

APRIL 29:

- West Jefferson: A cleanup took place but no information was provided. The trash was placed in West Jefferson's Town dumpster along with other items so no specific tonnage is available.
- Bessemer: 3 volunteers picked up litter from along 3 miles of roadways collecting 0.03 tons. No photos taken.
- Brighton: 24 volunteers picked up litter from along 3 miles of roadways collecting 1.125 tons. WIAT CBS 42 did a news story on the cleanup, I looked on the CBS 42 web site but couldn't find the actual footage.
- West Homewood: 28 volunteers picked up litter from along 5 miles of roadways collecting 0.3 tons.



- West Jefferson: 15 volunteers picked up 0.75 tons of trash from along 3 miles of roadways.
- Concord: 38 volunteers picked up litter from along 3 miles of roadways collecting 1.07 tons.
- Letson Farms: several neighborhood volunteers picked up litter from along the community lake. The items collected were disposed of in the community dumpsters along with other trash.
- Homewood / Samford University: 30 volunteers picked up litter from along 3 miles of roadways.

MAY 6:

- Edgewater B: 16 volunteers picked up litter from along 5 miles of roadway collecting 1.06 tons.
- Hueytown: 63 volunteers picked up litter from along 5 miles of roadway collecting 0.68 tons.



PIKE ROAD HOSTS 5TH ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP

By Bethany Davis, Reporter / Anchor
Wednesday, April 26th 2017, 6:36 am CDT
(Source: Town of Pike Road)
PIKE ROAD, AL (WSFA) -

The Town of Pike Road is cleaning up! It's hosting its 5th annual Spring Clean Up.

Groups of volunteers are out every day this week including students from elementary to college age, town officials, military members, churches. Pike Road officials encourage even those who haven't officially signed up for a specific day or location to just spend a few minutes this week collecting litter.

"We are blessed with a beautiful natural setting that has drawn people to live and play in the Pike Road area for generations, and we are committed to preserving that beauty," said Pike Road Mayor Gordon Stone. "Last year's tremendous turnout was an example of how the people of Pike Road come together for the betterment of their town. We hope to have even more civic organizations and neighborhoods join in our efforts this year, as we all work together to keep our roadsides and open spaces clean and safe for everyone to enjoy."

The Spring Clean UP is a partnership between the state-wide group "Alabama People Against a Littered State", known as PALS, and Pike Road's Enhance initiative.

Last year PALS week-long clean-up effort removed more than 365 tons of litter from roadsides and communities around the state.

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ROCK MOUNTAIN

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GRAYSVILLE



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SAMFORD



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MULGA LOOP ROAD SUMMARY: 113 volunteers participated in the Mulga loop road cleanup. They picked up 2.05 tons of trash from along 5 miles of roadway. Town of Mulga, City of Birmingham, Village Creek Society, Alabama Power Service Organization, Jefferson county Department of Health, Jefferson County Stormwater Program, Unincorporated communities of Mulga Mines and Minor Heights all participated. Sheriff's Office provided traffic patrol.

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Isabella Abrahamson's first-place winning entry in the K-3rd grade poster category.

by Jamie Mitchell

Each year, the Alabama PALS Clean Campus Program invites students to participate in our Poster & Recycled Art Contests. Entries begin pouring in from around the state every April, and I never envy the judges who have to choose just a handful of winners. The poster theme this year was "See Ya Later, Litter," and the recycled art theme was "Rethink Litter."

We literally received entries from Mobile to Madison and from Tuscaloosa to Phenix City! These students work so hard on their posters and recycled art pieces! The first-place winner in each category will receive \$250 with the runners-up each receiving a plaque. All winners get recognized at the Annual Alabama PALS Governor's Awards in November.

The first-place winners this year were: Isabella Abrahamson, Bear

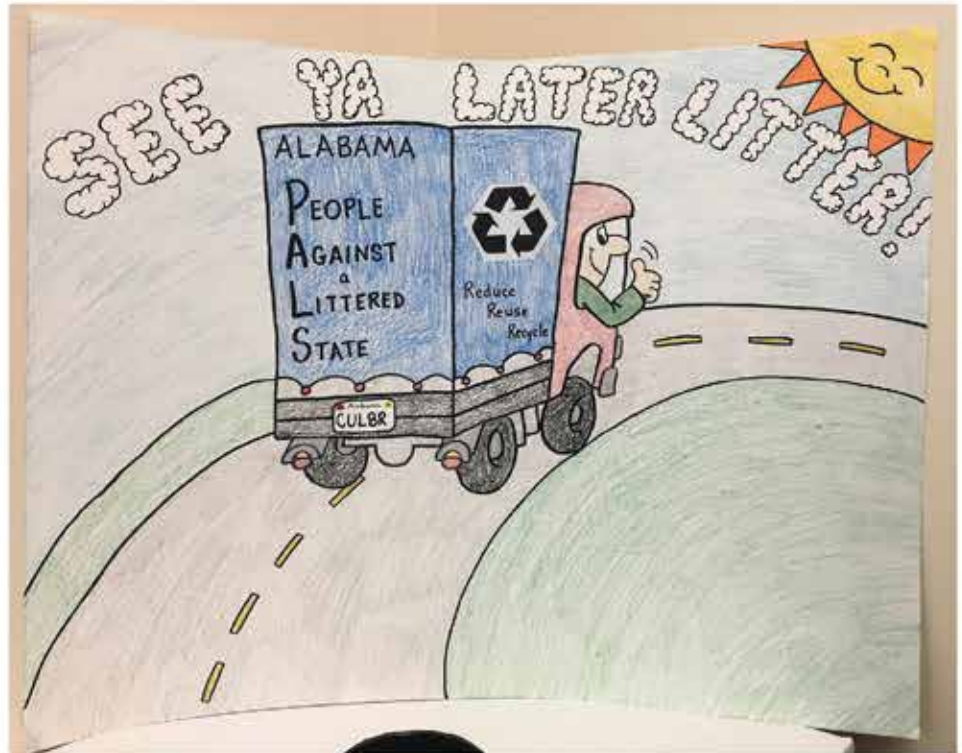
Young Artists Clean Up!

PALS POSTER AND RECYCLED ART CONTEST

CAMPUS CLEANUP

Exploration Center, Montgomery County (K-3rd Poster Category); Cade Fisher, Hubbertville School, Fayette County (4th-6th Poster Category); and Breanna Grubb, Brookwood High School, Tuscaloosa County (7th-12th Recycled Art Category).

Would you like more information about Alabama PALS or the Clean Campus Program? Please visit our website at www.alpals.org to learn more about our organization and how you can become a member. The Clean Campus Program is FREE to all Alabama public, private and county schools. Schools may also sign up for the Clean Campus Program online or by calling 334-263-7737. ■



Jamie Mitchell is the PALS State Clean Campus Coordinator.

Above, Cade Fisher's first-place winning entry in the 4th-6th grade poster category. Left, Breanna Grubb's first-place winning entry in the 7th-12th grade recycled art category.



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Bear Exploration Center is Going Green!

by Jamie Mitchell

The Green Team is setting the bar high at Bear Exploration Center! This impressive group of students, led by Mary Bonikowski and Sarah Francis, is doing everything from heading up recycling to organizing cleanups on their campus. They even regularly make posters to discourage littering and to encourage recycling and helping clean up!

I spoke recently to Bear's Green Team so they could get a better idea of why the work they are doing is so important. The students learned about how litter affects not only humans, but it also animals that can eat litter and make them sick. They also learned that even throwing out apple cores and bananas peels near roadways is a bad idea because it can bring animals closer to busy roadways.

The students learned that litter is also very costly to our state. According to PALS Litter Laws Brochure, every mile of highway contains approximately 16,000 pieces of litter. It is estimated to cost around 30 cents per piece of litter to cleanup. Litter can also be quite costly to the person who litters. In Alabama, individuals who litter can be fined up to \$500.

The Green Team also learned how easily litter travels in wind and water, so we discussed how important it is to find a trashcan or recycling bin immediately when finished with a bag of chips or bottle of water. Places like parks, ballfields and even schoolyards are places that easily get littered with



single-use wrappers and packaging.

Bear's Green Team agreed that they would do their part to keep their trash where it belongs!

Thank you to Bear Exploration Center's Green Team for all you are doing! We are so happy that Bear is a part of the Clean Campus Program!

We are always accepting new applicants for the Clean Campus Program. If a school near you is interested, please have them call me at 334-263-7737 or email me at Jamie@alpals.org. The Clean Campus Pro-

gram is FREE to all Alabama public, private and county schools. Schools may also sign up for the Clean Campus Program online at www.alpals.org. ■

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Earth-altering Activity at Asbury High

by Jamie Mitchell

Alabama PALS is thrilled that Asbury High School in Marshall County is a member of our Clean Campus Program! At the direction of teacher Helen Partrick, Asbury High School students have been working to become more environmentally aware in their community of Albertville. Partrick recently invited me to come speak to her students and provide them with more information as well as show them how important they are in the fight against litter.

The students heard my 30-minute presentation on littering, recycling and small changes that can make a big difference. With almost 200 students in attendance, I explained the impact they can have would be exponential if they told two or three other people what we discussed!

We also talked about reusing items and being more resourceful to keep items out of the landfill. A couple of examples we mentioned was buying products with very little packaging or using the packaging to create recycled art. One small change does not seem like much until many people make the small change together. It can be Earth-altering ... literally!

Could your community benefit from having your schools become a part of the Clean Campus Program? Please visit our website at www.alpals.org to learn more! The Clean Campus Program is FREE to all Alabama

public, private and county schools. Schools may sign up for the Clean Campus Program online or by calling 334-263-7737. ■

Jamie Mitchell is the PALS State Clean Campus Coordinator.

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2016-2017 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

NOTE: Scrapbooks are Encouraged

Name of Participating School _____

Address of School _____

County _____ Telephone (____) _____ - _____ Contact Person _____

Did Clean Campus Committee meet at least once each month to evaluate the progress of the program? _____

How many campus clean-up events did school have? _____

Did school participate in monthly campus litter pick up? _____

Did school hold campus cleanup in April to coincide with Alabama PALS Annual Spring Cleanup? _____

Does school participate in some form of environmental education program? _____

Does school participate in an ongoing recycling program? _____

First Place School – \$ 1,000.00 • Second Place School – \$750.00 • Third Place School – \$500.00
Nominate Your School Today!!!!!!

When answering the following questions, please attach additional sheets if necessary. Also, please attach any documentation (photos, etc.).

What was the single most important reason that your school made the decision to enroll in the Clean Campus Program? _____

What goals did you set for your school to achieve in the Clean Campus Program? _____

List all events held to promote the Clean Campus Program, include the date of each one. _____

How has participation in the Clean Campus Program influenced the student body and/or faculty? _____

What influence, if any, do you think that the school has had on the surrounding community since becoming a member of the Clean Campus Program.

Please give a brief (no more than 2 page) narrative explaining why your school should be selected to receive one of the scholarships.

All Nomination Forms and Attachments Are Due In The PALS Office by October 8, 2017!

CAMPUS CLEANUP

Poster & Recycled Art Contest Winners 2016-17

POSTER WINNERS K - 3RD

1st - Isabella Abrahamson

Bear Exploration Center, 2nd Grade
Montgomery County

2nd - Bailey Parker

Millry High School, 2nd Grade
Washington County

3rd - Gavin Byrd

McIntosh Elementary, 2nd Grade
Washington County

HM - Madison Pearson

Crestline Elementary School, 3rd Grade
Morgan County

HM - Nathan Niemi

Pearl Haskew Elementary, 1st Grade
Mobile County

HM - Brayden Latham

Pickens Academy, K5
Pickens County

POSTER WINNERS 4TH - 6TH

1st - Cade Fisher

Hubbertville School, 6th Grade
Fayette County

2nd - William Miller

Bear Exploration Center, 5th Grade
Montgomery County

3rd - Jordyn Corey

Riverchase Elementary, 4th Grade
Jefferson County

HM - Jonathan Lech

Lakewood Elementary School, 4th Grade
Russell County

HM - Juha Park

Daniel Pratt Elementary, 4th Grade
Autauga County

HM - Victoria Satterfield

PACE Academy, 5th Grade
Madison County

RECYCLED ART WINNERS 7TH - 12TH

1st - Breanna Grubb

Brookwood High School, 11th Grade
Tuscaloosa County

2nd - Katelyn Goodwyn

Hewitt-Trussville High School, 11th Grade
Jefferson County

3rd - Lauren Hood

Albertville Middle School, 8th Grade
Marshall County

HM - Chelsea Porter & Gracie Dodd

Hubbertville High School, 10th Grade
Fayette County

HM - Cole Dickinson

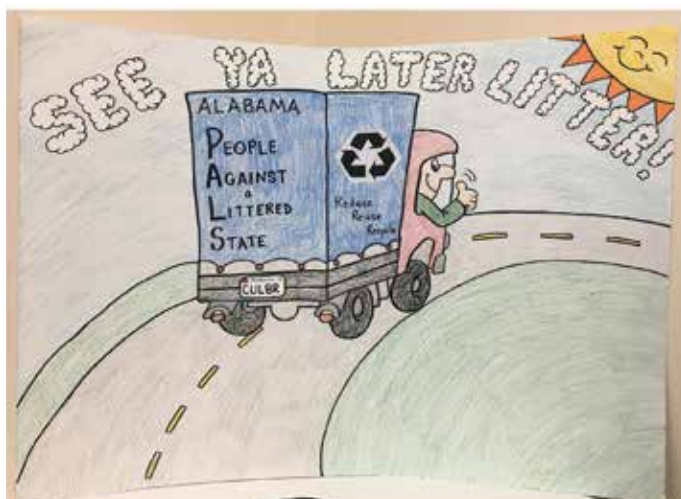
Brookwood High School, 11th Grade
Tuscaloosa County

HM - Bailey Lanier & Lauren Bonikowski

Floyd Middle Magnet, 7th Grade
Montgomery County



Isabella Abrahamson's 1st Place Poster Winner, 2nd Grade, Montgomery County



Cade Fisher's 1st Place Poster Winner, 6th Grade, Fayette County



Breanna Grubb's 1st Place Recycled Art Winner, 11th Grade, Tuscaloosa County

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SATURDAY
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Alabama Coastal Cleanup Celebrates 30 Years of “Keeping the Trash Out of the Splash”

Volunteers on Dauphin Island having fun while making an impact on the environment.

BY ANGELA UNDERWOOD, NATURAL RESOURCES PLANNER, ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE LAND DIVISION- COASTAL SECTION

This is shaping up to be a big year for the Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup. In the 30 years since its humble beginning with just 2 clean-up sites, the program has grown to include over 30 cleanup sites and more than 5,000 volunteers annually.

Participants of all ages can choose from a variety of cleanup zones across Mobile and Baldwin counties, as well as inland counties, where they can engage in becoming better environmental stewards and network with others interested in improving their communities.

An exciting addition to this year's 30th annual cleanup will be an effort to incorporate enhanced recycling opportunities for trash collected during the cleanup event. The Weeks Bay Foundation, Thompson Engineering and the Alabama Coastal Cleanup will partner with the TerraCycle

Company to provide plastics recycling at many of the cleanup zones. TerraCycle offers free recycling programs funded by brands, manufacturers, and retailers around the world to help collect and recycle hard-to-recycle waste, such as washed-up trash found along beaches and shorelines.



Cub Scouts at 2016 cleanup.

Given the recent recognition of the harmful effects of microplastics in the environment, we are excited to be a part of this effort to remove and recycle plastics from our area waterways.

Over the years, more than 87,000 volunteers have picked up more than 1.5 million pounds of trash from Alabama's beaches and shorelines. This includes an incredible 639,361 cigarette butts, 189,610 plastic bottles, and 102,981 plastic bags. As you can see, for 30 years the Alabama Coastal Cleanup has been bringing people together to help protect our marine environments and wildlife. And thanks to volunteers, we are truly making a difference. I hope I can count on you to join us this year on September 16 to Keep the Trash out of the Splash! For details and cleanup sites, visit www.alabamacoastalcleanup.com.

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COASTAL CLEANUP





Dates to Remember.....

- ✓ **September 14th** Alabama Coastal Cleanup Distribution Day
5 Rivers Delta Center
- ✓ **September 15th** Coastal Cleanup Zone Captain and Sponsors
Celebration
Blue Gill Restaurant
- ✓ **September 16th** 30th Anniversary Alabama Coastal Cleanup
- ✓ **October 8th** Clean Campus Nomination Forms Due
- ✓ **October 12th** Governors Awards
Nomination Forms Due
- ✓ **November 8th** 2017 Alabama PALS Governor's Awards
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Contact Person: _____

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