

North Brunswick High School Recycling Effort Wins Regional Award

A recycling project operated by North Brunswick High School in cooperation with DuPont's Cape Fear Plant has won a second place school recycling award in the 1993 Eastern Carolina Clean and Beautiful competition.

Sponsored by the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the contest recognizes efforts by local governments, non-profit agencies, business and industry, and schools in 43 eastern counties to protect and improve the visual and physical environment, educate the public on environmental issues and motivate people to take action.

North Brunswick won second place in the school recycling category.

Student recycling volunteers Andrea Powell, Corey Robbins, Jeremy Scott, David Brew, Ashley Burton and their coordinator, Cynthia Tart, attended a recognition and awards luncheon held Oct. 27 in Greenville, sponsored by duPont.

The plaque they accepted will be displayed in a recycling awareness display being designed. Students are planning an environmental aware-

ness drive, spearheading a competition between grade levels to collect the most aluminum cans.

The NBHS/duPont recycling station is located on the high school campus, near the front entrance. Volunteers distribute pamphlets throughout the community encouraging students and community residents to recycle materials at the center as a means of reducing the waste stream.

Students staff the center during school hours, and parent volunteers work weekends. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. until noon Saturdays. The center is closed Sundays and holidays.

The center accepts rinsed aluminum beverage cans; rinsed clear, brown and green glass from beverage bottles and food jars; loosely stacked newspapers, and two types of plastics, PETE, such as soft drink and juice bottles, and HDPE, such as milk jugs and water bottles. These can be identified by the numbers 1 or 2 inside the triangular recycling symbol on the bottom of the container.



NORTH BRUNSWICK HIGH students (from left, top) Ashley Burton, Andrea Powell, David Brew, Jeremy Scott and (front) Corey Robbins accepted the school's recycling award from the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

Bolivia Third Graders New Junior American Citizens

Bolivia Elementary Schools' three third grade classes became the first Junior American Citizens (JAC) clubs in Brunswick County.

Each of the 78 youngsters received a JAC membership card and pin from Abbie Bitney of Southport, Junior American Citizens Chairman for the Brunswick Town Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Bitney's visit was timed during election week, when teachers Betty Jo Cheers, Jenni Johnson and Gloria Reaves were placing a special emphasis on the responsibilities of citizenship. Bitney visited each of the three classrooms in the third grade pod, talking with students about how to be good citizens, what it means to salute the American flag, and the meaning of the word pledge.

Learning about citizenship, Johnson said, is "the very first goal in the third grade curriculum." Related goals discuss government and symbols such as flags.

"When we heard that one third grade teacher here was teaching her class the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States, we were impressed," said Bitney. With further checking the chapter found out that all three third grade classes recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag either before or after lunch every day.

Jenni Johnson's students go several steps farther, singing the first verse of The Star Spangled Banner and chanting the Preamble to a tune Johnson says she "came up with" a few years ago.

"It's too much to make them understand all at one time, but they are

learning about it a little at a time," said Johnson. "They understand that it's the introduction to the Constitution."

JAC is a citizenship program sponsored by NSDAR. It is open to children of preschool through high school age in schools, scout troops, special education facilities, church or community groups who say the Pledge to the United States flag every day or at every meeting. JAC encourages loyalty to the United States and a deeper sense of social responsibility. Program materials offer practical ideas for service to home, community, school and country.

Student membership cards and pins and leader handbooks are provided at no charge by the sponsoring NSDAR chapter, which also provide moral support and help whenever possible, said Bitney.

As JAC club members, the third graders will have the option of entering the annual JAC contest, either as a part of their classroom studies or as a personal activity. Bitney said this year's theme is "Flags in American History," from colonial days to the present time, and includes state flags, etiquette and history.

Students can enter artwork, creative writing, a videotape, or combination of the above following the theme. Johnson said she thinks most students will be interested in entering either the poster or essay contests.

Bitney said the Brunswick Town NSDAR chapter would welcome the opportunity to sponsor additional JAC clubs.

Parents, Educators On Same 'Team' Through County PTA

"We've got all of us together—parents, teachers and principals," Brunswick County PTA Council President Glenda Browning said Monday. "We're going to be working together now."

After more than a year of legwork "by a lot of people," she said, the county PTA Council will hold its first general meeting of the year today (Thursday) at Bolivia. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Emergency Services Building at the Brunswick County Government Center, with representation expected from nearly all public schools in the county.

Browning was instrumental in the forming of Parent Teacher Associations in the three schools in the North Brunswick attendance area, and has since worked with parents in other areas to establish a countywide PTA voice. Some schools had parent-teacher organizations, but they were not affiliated with the state and national PTA, which Browning said offers excellent resource materials.

The latest county PTA chapter is the new West Brunswick High School PTA/Academic Boosters

Club. Browning said she hopes its organization will encourage other parent-teacher organizations in the West Brunswick attendance area to affiliate with PTA as well.

"It's not just fundraising anymore," said Browning. "It's involving parents as part of the education team."

On Monday, Nov. 22, the PTA Council is sponsoring the first in a series of educational programs it plans to hold around the county. Laurie Crumpler, an attorney with the N.C. School Board Association will discuss "Parents' Rights." The meeting will be held at North Brunswick High School in Leland.

In addition to Browning, members of the Brunswick County PTA Council Executive Board are officers Tina Child, Leland, vice president; Beth Osiak, Southport, second vice president; Leslie Collier, Southport, treasurer, and Lynn Atkinson, Leland, secretary; principals Ed Lemon, West Brunswick High; Diana Mintz, Leland Middle, and Rick Lawson, South Brunswick Middle. Superintendent Ralph Johnston serves in an ex-officio capacity.

Expansion To Include Surrounding Area

The National League of Junior Cotillions, a program of etiquette and social dance training for middle and junior high students, has announced plans to expand into Brunswick County and surrounding areas.

Ann Colvin Winters, NLJC executive director, said, "There are now over 70 successful cotillions in 36 North Carolina counties. We will be selecting a director who will receive complete training to present the program on an exclusive basis in this area."

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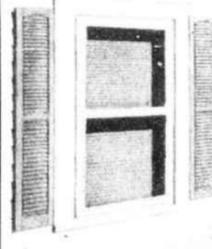
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