



# T.E.A.C.H. 2017 Second Semester

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## 2017 Earth Day –

**April 22 (Saturday) - 10- 4:00**

**Buffalo Creek Retreat** – Encourage your students to attend and participate.

## Earth Day Poster Contest (grades 7-12)

Theme- “Healthy Soils are Full of Life” Productive soils are the foundation of any healthy ecosystem. As world population grows, the need for food production increases. Soils need protection.

### Contest rules:

1. Media to use: paint, crayon, colored pencil, stickers, paper or other materials
2. Poster size: 8.5”x11” – poster should be packaged so they remain flat when judged
3. All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students
4. A signed entry form (see below) needs to be taped on the poster’s back to be eligible for judging.
5. Winning posters will be sent to NACD State Contest (awards- 1<sup>st</sup>- \$200; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$150; 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$100)
6. Prizes will be awarded at noon on Earth Day at Buffalo Creek Retreat.

Evaluation: Conservation message (50%); Visual effectiveness (30%); Originality (10%); Universal appeal (10%) Medina County Earth Day awards: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$15; 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$10

Mail or drop off entries by March 30 to:

Medina Co. Soil & Water Conservation District 6090 Wedgewood Rd. Medina, Ohio 44256

Tape to back of poster entry:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## **Looking** For 2017 Conservation Teacher

The Medina County SWCD is looking for nominations for the 2017 Conservation Teacher of the Year. Nominations can come from principals, fellow teachers, or students. Write down the teacher’s name, school, and a short qualifying statement about this teacher and mail to: Medina County SWCD, 6090 Wedgewood Rd, Medina, OH 44256



# Earth Day Coloring Contest

Theme- Healthy Soils are full of Life

Grades pre K-Sixth

## **Contest Rules:**

1. Students must use **crayons or colored pencils only**.
2. Students must **INDEPENDENTLY** color their entry.
3. Entries must be received by **March 30**, Thursday.
4. Judging will be on **March 31**, Friday.
5. An entry form must be filled out and attached to the coloring contest entry.
6. Winning entries will be displayed at the Earth Day event and afterwards, at the Medina County Library's main branch at the corner of Medina Square.
7. Prizes will be **awarded at noon on Earth Day at Buffalo Creek Retreat**.
8. **First and Second prize awards** will be given in these five categories:
  - Kindergarten and First grades
  - Second grade
  - Third grade
  - Fourth grade
  - Fifth and Sixth grades
9. **Ten Honorable Mention** awards will also be given.

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## **Project Based Learning**

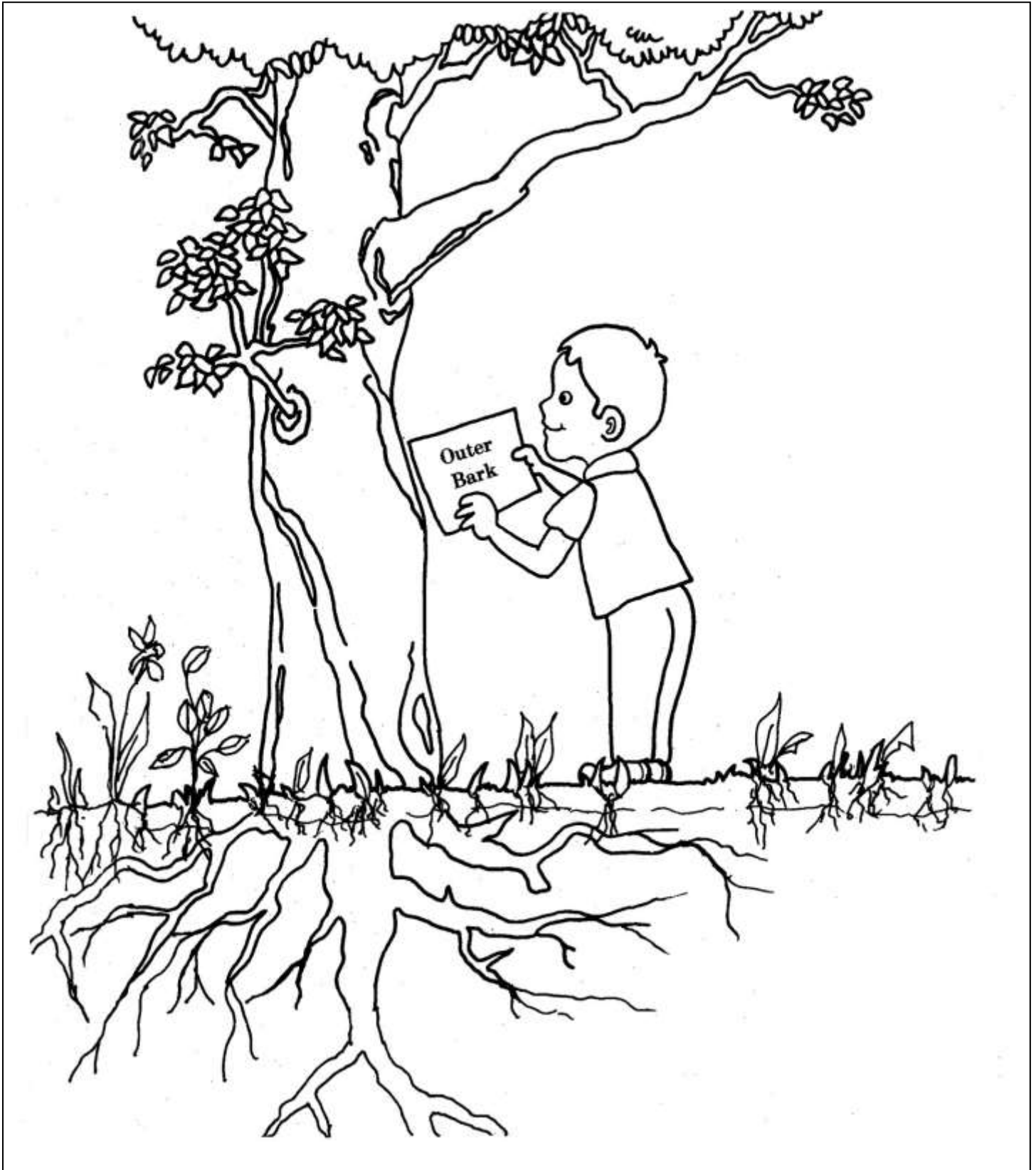
Project Based Learning (PBL) is a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an engaging and complex question, problem or challenge. Several schools in Medina County have adopted PBL projects at different grade levels. The environment around your school creates a perfect platform for Project Based Learning. Call Beth at the Medina SWCD office for assistance.

**Grants Now Available to Develop a “WILD School Sites”** (perfect for Project Based Learning)

**\$500 grants** to develop or enhance an outdoor learning space are available from the ODNR Division of Wildlife by April 28th, 2017. The grant writer needs to be Project WILD certified. A WILD School site project allows teachers to take lesson plans outdoors, bringing conservation education concepts to life for the students. Grant applications are available at: [www.wildohio.gov](http://www.wildohio.gov)

# 2017 Earth Day Coloring Contest

Healthy soils are full of life! Small critters that live in the soil are eating dead plants, digesting them and depositing the plant minerals back into the soil. These minerals are absorbed by the roots of living plants. Add a few details to the picture below as you color it.



Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

## The Adventures of Sammy Soil coloring booklets-

Soil education for primary grades.



## Elementary Science Olympiad- April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017- Medina High School

If you would like more information on this 2016 event, contact director, Brenda Rice MD at:

- [www.medinascienceolympiad.com](http://www.medinascienceolympiad.com)
- [info@medinascienceolympiad.com](mailto:info@medinascienceolympiad.com)

**Medina SWCD will host a pre-contest, water quality training for students- April 11<sup>th</sup> - 4:00.**

The training will be in a classroom and in an actual stream; come dressed appropriately.

Call, 330-722-9322, to register for the stream training which will help prepare students for the Olympiad contest.

## ----- Attention High School Science Teachers -----

**Did you receive a letter inviting you to “Take the Envirothon Challenge in 2017”?**

The Area II Envirothon will be held May 3, 2017 at Buffalo Creek Retreat, 8708 Hubbard Valley Rd in Seville, Ohio. It is hosted by Medina and Summit County Soil & Water Conservation Districts this year.

### What is the Envirothon?

It is a high school environmental marathon test. Every high school may enter two student teams to represent their district. For more information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UScAswsQSo>

If you are a teacher in Medina County and would like more information or team registration forms, contact Linda Schneider at 330-722-9321 or email at [lschneider@medinaco.org](mailto:lschneider@medinaco.org)



**Event Dates:** Call the Medina County SWCD for more information about events.



- EECO\* Winter Snow Conference- February 3-4, 2017 ([www.eeco-online.org](http://www.eeco-online.org))
- Deadline for Earth Day Poster and Coloring Contests- March 30, 2017
- Ohio Student Wildlife Research Symposium- April 6, 2017
- 50<sup>th</sup> annual EECO\* Conference- April 6-9, 2017 ([www.eeco-online.org](http://www.eeco-online.org))
- Earth Day Medina County- April 22 (Saturday) - 10:- 4:00
- WILD School Grants deadline- April 28, 2017
- Elementary Science Olympiad- April 29, 2017

\*EECO- Environmental Educators Council of Ohio- to learn more about the council and its events check its website: <http://eco.wildapricot.org/>