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Health Department Announces Annual Environmental Poster Contest

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) announced today the start of its annual environmental poster contest for all students in Allegheny County who are currently in grades 6 thru 8. This will be the Health Department’s 18th year holding the contest.

This year’s theme is **“Bright Ideas for Conserving Energy.”** Students are being asked to consider different activities that impact our use of energy on a daily basis. What can they do to conserve energy?

“We all need to learn ways to practice energy conservation in our everyday lives,” said Health Department Director, Dr. Karen Hacker. “The poster contest is a great way to encourage students to really think about ways they can conserve energy and come up with a unique visual to support their ideas.”

Students are encouraged to think about both large and small scale solutions to conserving energy. Posters should highlight their ideas and solutions. They will be judged on creativity, accuracy of information, and the strength of the message.

The top three winners will be announced on Friday, April 21, 2017 in conjunction with Earth Day celebrations. The winning posters will be presented on the Health Department’s web site.

Teachers who would like to have their classes participate in the poster contest should visit the environmental poster contest page at <http://www.achd.net/air/postercontest.html> or contact Alaina Conner of the Health Department’s Air Quality Program at 412-578-8106 or Alaina.conner@alleghenycounty.us.

The deadline for entries is **Friday, March 10, 2017**. The top three winning student will receive a \$75 gift card to Barnes and Noble. The teachers of the winning students will also receive a prize of a \$50 gift card to Staples.

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