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8th Annual Mixed Paper Drive in Akron Public/Private Schools *The Results are in!*

Akron, Ohio - During the 8th annual mixed paper drive competition, Akron Public Schools (APS) and selected private schools in the Akron area proved that recycling does pay off! **Resnik CLC, Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts, Our Lady of the Elms, and Kenmore-Garfield High School** were declared the winners of the month-long competition by recycling the most paper per pound, per student. **Resnik CLC** recycled 7.64 pounds per student or 1.46 tons total of paper earning a school-wide pizza party and \$250 cash prize courtesy of the River Valley Paper Company. **Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts** recycled 6.6 pounds per student which is equal to 0.73 tons total, making them the top school in our middle school category. **Kenmore-Garfield High School** recycled 4.24 pounds per student or 2.04 tons total, making Kenmore-Garfield the winning high school. **Our Lady of the Elms** recycled 11.5 pounds per student, or 1.38 tons total, making them our winners in the multi-level category and winners of a \$250 cash prize. With the most pounds of paper recycled overall, **St. Mary School** was our **Overall winner**, with 24.76 pounds of paper per student or 2.32 tons total. Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts, Kenmore-Garfield High School and St. Mary School will each receive a \$500 cash prize, courtesy of the River Valley Paper Company. Finally, **East CLC** received the **Most Improved** award, recycling 1,170 more pounds in 2017 than in 2016! They will receive a \$250 cash prize. Overall, we are proud to announce that **24.32 tons or 48,630 pounds** of paper was recycled citywide, which is **1,170 more pounds than in 2016!** Prizes will be awarded to all schools in early January 2018.

To help celebrate *America Recycles Day* on November 15, 2017, Keep Akron Beautiful (KAB) in conjunction with the River Valley Paper Company hosted the 8th annual mixed paper drive competition in 23 Akron public schools and 7 private schools in the Akron area. From *October 16 to November 10*, community residents and local businesses helped participating Akron schools attempted to win this competition by taking their magazines, phone books, paperboard, catalogs, junk mail, office paper, newspaper and cardboard to a school parking lot bin. Participating Akron Public School locations were: **Betty Jane CLC, Buchtel CLC, Case Elementary School, East CLC, Ellet High School, Findley CLC, Firestone Park Elementary School, Forest Hill CLC, Hatton CLC, Helen Arnold CLC, Hyre CLC, Innes CLC, Jennings CLC, Judith A. Resnik CLC, Kenmore/ Garfield High School, Leggett CLC, McEbright CLC, Miller South, North High School, Sam-Salem CLC, Seiberling CLC, and Voris CLC.** The following private school locations are also included in our competition: **Chapel Hill Christian School, Emmanuel Christian Academy, Hoban High School, Old Trail School, Our Lady of the Elms, St. Mary School and St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.**

This paper drive was designed to prove that Akron's school staff and students, parents, community members and local businesses can help save trees, which purge the atmosphere of greenhouse gases just by giving our trash a second life. The receptacles are still in place and are accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Filling up the collection bins helps the schools raise money for clubs, their recycling efforts or team uniforms. For more information on the competition or on paper recycling at the Akron school locations, contact Jacqui Flaherty-Ricchiuti at Keep Akron Beautiful, (330) 375-2116.

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