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Schools recognized for participation in 2007 U.S. Mayors' Cans for Cash program

Lexington recently competed in the 2007 U.S. Mayors' Cans for Cash annual aluminum beverage can recycling contest. As part of this contest, which took place Oct. 1 – 31, *The Bluegrass Partnership for a Green Community* extended an invitation to public and private schools within Fayette County to participate. To encourage school participation, Baker Iron and Metal, Gordon Scrap and Iron, the Southeast Center for Aluminum Technology, and Wise Recycling established monetary prizes for the nine schools that collected and recycled the highest number of aluminum beverage cans per student.

As a result, 21 public and private schools participated in this year's contest. Overall, 3,870 pounds of aluminum (123,840 cans) were recycled by the 21 participating public and private schools during the contest. Lexington collected a total of 320,196 pounds of aluminum cans community-wide during October, equal to over 10,200,000 cans. Lexington used the theme "Yes We Can" to encourage recycling efforts during the contest.

Recycling conserves natural resources and energy. For example, recycling 40 cans saves the energy equivalent of one gallon of gasoline; this means that the energy the participating schools saved by recycling 123,840 cans during this contest is equivalent to over 3,000 gallons of gasoline.

The following schools were recognized for participating in this year's contest:

- Athens Chilesburg School
- Bryan Station High School
- Glendover Elementary School
- Harrison Elementary School
- Henry Clay High School
- Jessie Clark Middle School
- Leestown Middle School
- Maxwell Elementary School
- Millcreek Elementary School
- Northern Elementary School
- Southern Middle School
- Tates Creek Elementary School

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The nine schools that recycled the most cans per student received monetary prizes for their efforts. Mt. Olivet Baptist School finished first, recycling more than 581 cans per student. Montessori Middle School and the Lexington Day Treatment Center finished second and third, respectively. The winners were:

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| ● Mt. Olivet Baptist School (\$1,250) | 18.15 pounds recycled/student (581 cans/student) |
| ● Montessori Middle School (\$1,250) | 4.52 pounds recycled/student (145 cans/student) |
| ● Lexington Day Treatment (\$1,250) | 4.44 pounds recycled/student (142 cans/student) |
| ● Lexington Universal Academy (\$1,000) | 1.79 pounds recycled/student (57 cans/student) |
| ● Providence Montessori School (\$1,000) | 1.35 pounds recycled/student (43 cans/student) |
| ● Sayre School (\$1,000) | 1.28 pounds recycled/student (41 cans/student) |
| ● Lexington Christian Academy (\$750) | 0.99 pounds recycled/student (32 cans/student) |
| ● Christ the King School (\$750) | 0.92 pounds recycled/student (29 cans/student) |
| ● Ashland Elementary School (\$750) | 0.90 pounds recycled/student (29 cans/student) |

The Bluegrass Partnership for a Green Community, which was formed by Fayette County Public Schools, UK, and the LFUCG in August of 2005, coordinated Lexington's efforts with help from Bluegrass PRIDE and other community partners. For more information on this year's Cans for Cash contest, contact Tom Webb at (859) 425-2808.

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