

Nationwide Paper Drive Winner

This Friday, April 22 is Earth Day and Big Hollow has already made great strides to become more environmentally friendly. In the month of March, Big Hollow participated in Paper Retriever's Nationwide Paper Drive and recycled 0.42 tons of paper winning the Nationwide Paper Drive Earth Day Challenge. This year the organization challenged schools to recycle more than they did last March in celebration of Earth Day. Last March Big Hollow recycled 0.38 tons of paper, and a total of 13.39 tons in 2010.

Big Hollow not only helps the environment by participating in this program but also earns the school rebate money. In March, Paper Retriever doubled any rebate money participating organizations earned as an Earth Day Bonus. Next year, student council advisors Mrs. Jennifer Wittum and Ms. Heather Wick plan to designate a grade level for each month and allow that grade level to decide how the earnings are used. Big Hollow Middle School's goal for next year is to collect 4 tons of paper each month. At \$15 per ton, the school can earn \$60 each month!

Paper Retriever's most recent contest, Recycle Fever Challenge is in its final days. The contest is over Saturday, April 30 so stop by the school and drop off your paper to help Big Hollow win again! The collection bin is located at the Middle School and accepts newspaper and inserts, magazines, catalogs, office and school papers, and mail. For more information on the program, visit the Paper Retriever website at <http://www.paperretriever.com/>.