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### Just a Post-Holiday Reminder...

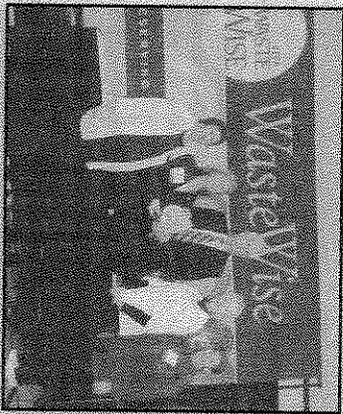
Between now and Jan. 15th, gift-wrap and greeting cards will be accepted at all Mahoning County drop-off sites as part of the "Wrap it Up" holiday recycling campaign. Cut trees will be accepted at designated sites until Jan. 31st. For more information, call The Green Team office at 330-740-2060 or check the website at [www.greenteam.cc](http://www.greenteam.cc)

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## Damascus Elementary School Wins EPA Award for Waste Reduction

The Mahoning County Green Team is proud to announce that Damascus Elementary School in the West Branch School District has won national recognition for its outstanding waste reduction program. On Sept. 13th, 4th grade teacher and school recycling coordinator, Sue Dattillio, was notified of the win.

Damascus Elementary School in a partnership effort with the Mahoning County Green Team joined WasteWise in 2005. In its initial application, Damascus reported on the many wonderful waste reduction and recycling activities taking place at the school. These activities included making two-sided copies and reusing paper for scratch pads, educational projects and homework sheets. Activities also included recycling school paper, magazines, cardboard, phone books, household batteries, inkjet cartridges, and beverage cans. But this was just the beginning! In 2006, Damascus increased its recycling activities by collecting metal cans from the cafeteria and plastic food and beverage containers generated on site. Then, to top everything off, Damascus teachers constructed vermicomposting (worm) bins to handle food waste. After all of the waste reduction and recycling programs were implemented, it was determined that Damascus Elementary School reduced solid waste in 2006 by 12 tons.

In honor of these accomplishments, Sue Dattillio and support staff from Damascus Elementary School and Kim Lewis, from the Green Team's Rural Recycling Education & Awareness Program, attended the WasteWise Award Ceremony in Washington D.C. on November 15th.

The Mahoning County Green Team is proud of everyone at Damascus Elementary School for their outstanding recycling program. This prestigious award is the result of all of the wonderful students and staff members at Damascus Elementary School who make recycling education and recycling initiatives part of their everyday efforts to create a better world.