



On Friday April 17th, Melissa Newhall's first grade class performed a play that highlighted the magnitude and impact of Earth Day on the calendar. "An Earth Day Carol" was a production designed to spark student awareness and desire to nurture the environment and local ecosystem. In the play, a young Ebenezer Litterbug's personal epiphany in which he learns to respect the earth by reducing, reusing and recycling is the central theme. His transformation from a selfish boy with no concern for the natural world or wildlife to a responsible and dutiful child had the power to inspire the audience and the cast. Despite the storyline containing forces bordering on the surreal, the nocturnal imaginings of Ebenezer launch the play into its deep moral meaning. The students and parents could see that people can always change and enhance their routines to be stewards of the environment when possible. Reusable shopping bags, refreshments and information from ACUA recycling center were provided for attendees following the play. "An Earth Day Carol" was sponsored by the Egg Harbor Township Education Association. The class continued its efforts, in coordination with EHT Clean Communities Program, with a clean up of EHT's Castle Park on Earth Day.



