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Student Demonstrate Water Knowledge - Portage River Basin Council Education Project

Each year, the Portage River Basin Council sends students from Portage River watershed schools out of the classroom and into the river and its tributaries, and then brings them together for a student congress to share their water testing results. The project is organized by volunteer groups and supported by the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG), to encourage a new generation of environmental awareness and stewardship.

The Student Congress, presenting each group's research and reports, will be held Thursday, May 8, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Bowling Green State University, 101 Olscamp Building. Student presentations begin at 11 a.m. See agenda. This is the 13th year for the program. This year, students from Eastwood Middle School, Lakota Junior High School, Oak Harbor High School, and Woodmore High School are participating.

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