



Moreno Valley Students Applauded for Inspiring Recycling Participation through Art

Moreno Valley City Council and Waste Management congratulate winners of America Recycles Day Calendar Art Contest

MORENO VALLEY, Calif. - March 17, 2015 —Moreno Valley City Council and Waste Management recently recognized twelve local students for winning a recycling-themed calendar art contest.

Sponsored by a Keep America Beautiful and Waste Management Think Green Grant®, the contest challenged seventh grade students from the Moreno Valley and Val Verde School Districts to depict the theme “Give your trash another life—recycle often and recycle right!” and incorporate small acts that increase the number of recyclables put to reuse. The contest was organized through a joint effort between city staff, local Waste Management representatives and the Moreno Valley Morning Optimist Club in honor of America Recycles Day.

During city council’s special presentations, the winners received personalized city certificates and gift baskets with art supplies and eco-friendly merchandise. The grant also awarded a collective \$1,800 to the top three winners’ respective schools.

America Recycles Day Calendar Art Contest Winners:

1st Place: Cheyenne James, Vista Heights Middle School
2nd Place: Liliana Farias, Vista Heights Middle School
3rd Place: Genesis Madrigal, March Middle School

Runner-Ups (in alphabetical order):

Albert Bernal, Mount View Middle School
Arianna Rodriguez, Vista Heights Middle School
Cameron O'Dell, Vista Heights Middle School
Farzaneh Fathizadeh, Vista Heights Middle School
Kela Mauhera, Vista Heights Middle School
Patricia Rodriguez, Vista Heights Middle School
Sarah Pietropaolo, Vista Heights Middle School
Stephanie Hernandez, Mount View Middle School
Tyra Webb, Vista Heights Middle School

The children’s interpretation of theme and ability to inspire recycling earned them a top spot in a 2015 city calendar. The judges also selected the winners based on originality, creativity and the handwritten calls-to-action that accompanied the artwork.

To view the winning illustrations, please visit Waste Management’s website at <https://www.wm.com/location/california/inland-empire/moreno-valley/index.jsp>.

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