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RETHINKWASTE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 2016 “TRASH TO ART” CONTEST
Art pieces to be displayed at Shoreway Earth Day Event on April 23rd

SAN CARLOS, CA – April 14, 2016 – RethinkWaste is excited to announce the winners of its fourth annual “Trash to Art” Contest, which was open to all 3rd through 6th grade classes in the RethinkWaste service area and featured a special category for individual students. The contest challenged students and teachers to give trash a new meaning by creating artwork of any medium such as sculptures, collages and murals from material collected from home, school, and everyday life. A total of 10 classes and 22 individual students submitted one-of-a-kind pieces. Winners will be recognized at RethinkWaste’s fifth annual Earth Day@Shoreway event on Saturday, April 23rd, from 10 am to 1 pm at the Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos.

In the Class category, First Place will be awarded to the fifth grade class of teacher Kimberly Moorman from Nesbit Elementary in Belmont for their remake of San Francisco city using old baseballs, a broken dish, plastics and cardboard. The class will receive \$500 and a pizza party!

Teacher Laetitia Whiteley’s fourth/fifth grade class from Highlands Elementary in San Mateo will receive Second Place for their “Trash to Treasure” piece made from an old drawer, a car rim, bottles and cans. They will receive \$250.

Third Place goes to fifth graders in Amy Padilla’s class who teaches at Los Robles Magnet Academy in East Palo Alto for their recycle robot. This piece was made from cardboard, water bottles, cans and paper rolls. They will receive \$150.

Fourth Place goes to the fifth graders in Jennifer Flaherty’s class from Brewer Island Elementary in Foster City for their rubik’s cube made from bottle caps and cardboard. They will receive \$100.

In the new individual category, First Place will be awarded to fourth grade student, Arthur Winter of Stanbridge Academy in San Mateo for his 3-D war tank made from cardboard. He will receive \$200 gift card.

Lizbeth Solario, a fourth grader at Los Robles Magnet Academy in East Palo Alto will receive Second Place and a \$150 gift card for her truck made from cans and bottles caps.

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Third Place goes to fifth grader Ella Cassidy Creighton Farrell at Encinal School in Atherton for her art piece showcasing water pollution. She used plastic film, water bottles and caps, and egg cartons. She will receive a \$100 gift card.

Fourth Place goes to Jonathan Juarez, 5th grader from Lead Elementary in San Mateo for his Minions piece using cartons and plastic bottles. He will receive a \$50 gift card.

“The students made really amazing and creative art pieces, making it very hard to pick just four winners for each category. They are truly an inspiration, and show that with some effort, most of the things that get thrown away can have beauty and a second life,” said RethinkWaste Environmental Education Coordinator Faustina Mututa. “The art pieces will be displayed at the Earth Day event for everyone to marvel at the creativity of the students.”

In addition to the winning pieces, submissions were received from Henry Ford Elementary, San Mateo Park, Fiesta Gardens, Meadow Heights and Roy Cloud Elementary, all in the city of San Mateo, Orion Elementary in Redwood City, Oaknoll Elementary in Menlo Park, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Belmont and Tierra Linda Middle School in San Carlos.

The free Earth Day@Shoreway event will include tours of the facility, kids’ activities, a free compost giveaway, informational booths, prizes and more, and promises to be fun for the whole family. Shoreway is located at 333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos. For more information, visit www.RethinkWaste.org.

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