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RETHINKWASTE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2020 “TRASH TO ART” CONTEST

Winning art pieces can be viewed on the RethinkWaste website

SAN CARLOS, CA – May 29th, 2020 – RethinkWaste is excited to announce the winners of its eighth annual “Trash to Art” Contest, which was open to all 3rd through 5th grade students in the RethinkWaste service area. The contest challenged students to create a piece of art from normally discarded materials collected at home, school, and around the community.

The student artists submitted one-of-a-kind pieces, ranging from intricate models and detailed dioramas to fully functional, interactive displays. Winners were recognized by RethinkWaste Staff and the Board of Directors at a virtual Trash to Art Recognition event on Friday, May 29th, from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The winners and their respective cities and schools are listed below:

First Place

- Gabriel P. (3rd grade)
- Laurel Elementary, Menlo Park
- “Alligator Golf Hazard”



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Second Place

- Megan N. (4th grade)
- Laurel Elementary, Menlo Park
- "Save the Turtles"



Third Place

- Nathan T. (4th grade)
- Nesbit Elementary, Belmont
- "Recycle Air"

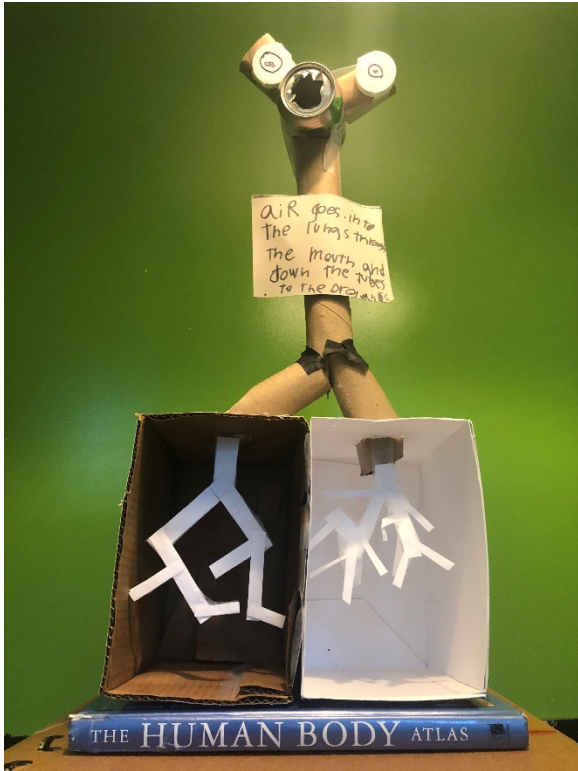


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Honorable Mention

- Henrique C. (3rd grade)
- Laurel Elementary, Menlo Park
- "The Respiratory System"



In addition to being acknowledged during the Trash to Art Recognition video call, the winning students will receive special recognition at upcoming City Council meetings in their respective cities.

Finally, as a reward for their creative efforts, contest winners will receive a gift card to a fun destination of their choice.

If you need high-resolution photos, please contact RethinkWaste directly.

About RethinkWaste

RethinkWaste is a joint powers authority of twelve public agencies in San Mateo County (Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, City of San Mateo, parts of unincorporated San Mateo County and the West Bay Sanitary District). We own and manage the 16-acre Shoreway Environmental Center facility, located at 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos, which processes all the collected trash, recyclable and compostable materials. This facility has a \$130 million-dollar annual operating budget, handles and processes almost 500,000 tons of materials annually--more than half are recycled and creates almost 400 jobs for our local community. See [RethinkWaste.org](https://www.rethinkwaste.org) and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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