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## RETHINKWASTE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2021 “TRASH TO ART” CONTEST

### View winning creations on RethinkWaste website

**SAN CARLOS, CA – April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – RethinkWaste is excited to announce the winners of its ninth annual “Trash to Art” Contest, which was open to all 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the RethinkWaste service area. The contest challenged students to build a piece of art from normally discarded materials collected at home, school, and around the community.

The student artists submitted original creations, ranging from intricate collages and detailed models to fully functional games and tools! We received over 80 entries, making it very difficult to narrow down to just three winners, and so we have three Honorable Mention winners as well. All winners were recognized by RethinkWaste Staff and the Board of Directors at a virtual Trash to Art Recognition event on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### First Place

- Cooper D. (5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Hoover Elementary, Burlingame
- “King and Queen of Trash”



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### Second Place

- Amen Y. (4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- LEAD Elementary, San Mateo
- Paper Pinch Pot



### Third Place

- Cassidy L. (5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Nueva School, Hillsborough
- “Geometric Bee”



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### Honorable Mention

- Taisei M. (5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Roosevelt Elementary, Burlingame
- “Re-think Bottles”



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- Ella C. (5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Roosevelt Elementary, Burlingame
- “Eco House”



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### Honorable Mention

- Justin T. (3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
- White Oaks Elementary, San Carlos
- "Virus Slayer Helmet"



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, 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place 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 eleven public agencies in San Mateo County (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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