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RETHINKWASTE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2022 “TRASH TO ART” CONTEST

View winning creations on the RethinkWaste website

SAN CARLOS, CA – April 25th, 2022 – RethinkWaste is excited to announce the winners of its tenth 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 build a piece of art from normally discarded materials collected at home, school, and around the community. We encouraged all students and classes to think of creative, new ways to reduce and reuse our waste!

The student artists and class groups submitted original creations, with colorful constructions and detailed models that look like they belong in a museum! It was very difficult to narrow down the winners, so we added two Honorable Mention winners for the Individual Contest category. All winners will be recognized by RethinkWaste Staff and the Board of Directors at a virtual Trash to Art Recognition celebration on Wednesday, May 4th, 4-4:30pm.

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

First Place – Individual

- Stella L. (4th grade)
- Belmont Oaks Academy, Belmont
- “Pop and Click!”



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Second Place – Individual

- Justin T. (4th grade)
- Arroyo Elementary, San Carlos
- “Pinball Trash Sort”



Third Place – Individual

- Aya T. (4th grade)
- The Carey School, San Mateo
- “Asian Deliciousness”



Honorable Mention – Individual

- Dayle M. (4th grade)
- Washington Elementary, Burlingame
- “Recycling Tree”



Honorable Mention – Individual

- Sahil G. (3rd grade)
- Foster City Elementary, Foster City
- “Basketball Court”



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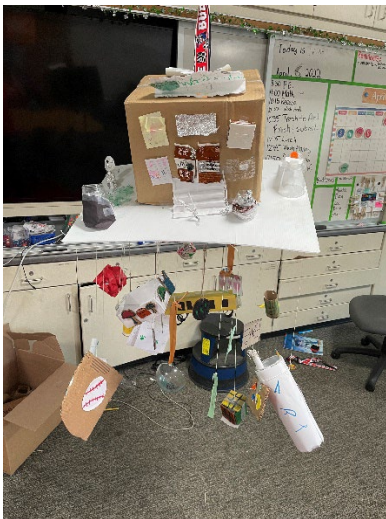
First Place – Class

- Ms. Whiteley's 4th grade class
- Laurel School, Menlo Park
- "Honey World"



Second Place – Class

- Ms. Bevilacqua's 3rd/4th grade class
- Washington Elementary, Burlingame
- "Washington Mobile"



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

Finally, as a reward for their creative efforts, winners will receive fun prizes for themselves or their class groups.

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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