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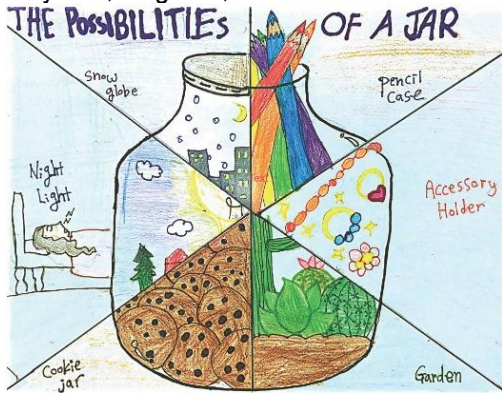
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RETHINKWASTE ANNOUNCES 2022 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS
Winners to Be Recognized at Upcoming City Council Meetings!

SAN CARLOS, CA – October 17, 2022 – RethinkWaste is very excited to announce the winners of its ninth annual poster contest, which was open to all 3rd through 5th graders attending schools in the RethinkWaste service area. This year’s poster theme was “Everyday Upcycling!”, where we asked students to creatively illustrate ways to upcycle their everyday waste. In total, we received 44 original submissions from our student artists, representing 15 schools and 6 Member Agencies.

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

First Place – “The Possibilities of a Jar”
Maya M., 5th grade, Belmont Oaks Academy, Belmont



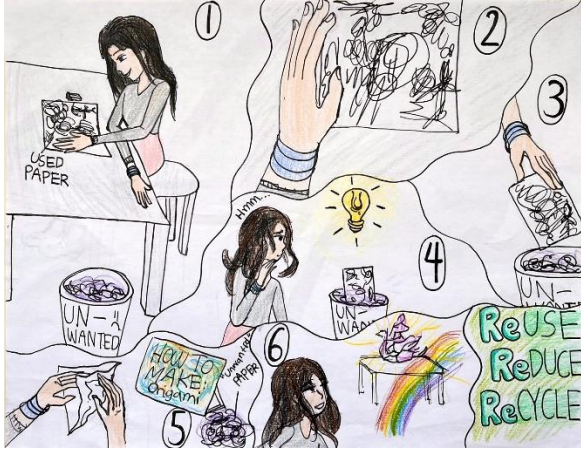
Second Place – “Upcycling is Upgrading the Planet!”
Stella L., 5th grade, Belmont Oaks Academy, Belmont



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**Third Place – “Reuse, Reduce, Recycle...Upcycle!”**  
 Luoyan L., 5<sup>th</sup> grade, College Park Elementary, San Mateo



**Honorable Mention – “Recycling Cardboard to Make Toys”**  
 Niralya J., 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Audubon Elementary, Foster City



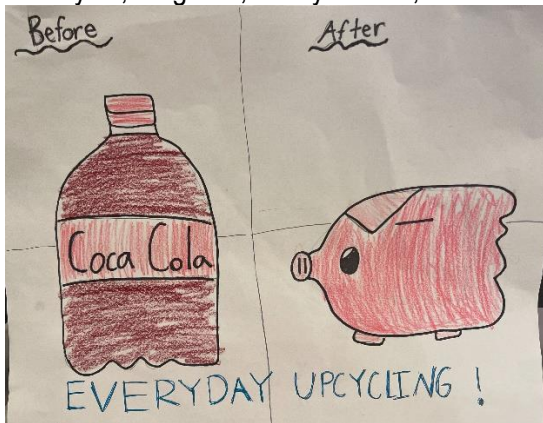
**Honorable Mention – “RethinkWaste Protect Our Home”**  
 Hannah B., 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Centennial Montessori School, San Mateo



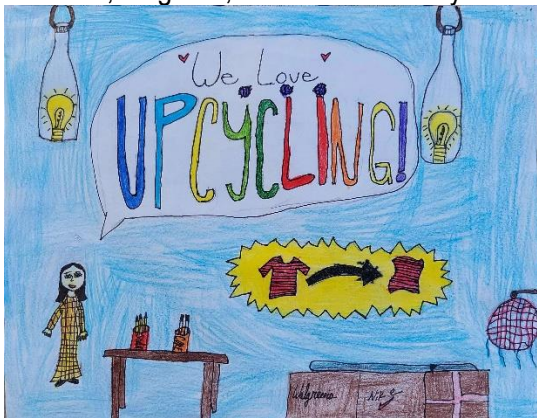
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**Honorable Mention** – “Everyday Upcycling!!!”  
Chloey C., 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Carey School, San Mateo



**Honorable Mention** – “We Love Upcycling!”  
Noam K., 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Lincoln Elementary School, Burlingame



High resolution photos of the winning posters are available upon request.

The First Place poster will be featured on the side of a Recology collection truck with routes in Belmont, so the winner will see their artwork around their neighborhood later this year! All winning posters will be showcased on the RethinkWaste website and social media and may appear in RethinkWaste newsletters and other educational materials. In addition, contest winners may be recognized at upcoming City Council meetings. Meeting dates will be confirmed before the end of the calendar year.

As a reward for their submissions, all winners will receive fun eco-friendly prizes!

#### **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](http://RethinkWaste.org) and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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