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## RETHINKWASTE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2023 “TRASH TO ART” CONTEST

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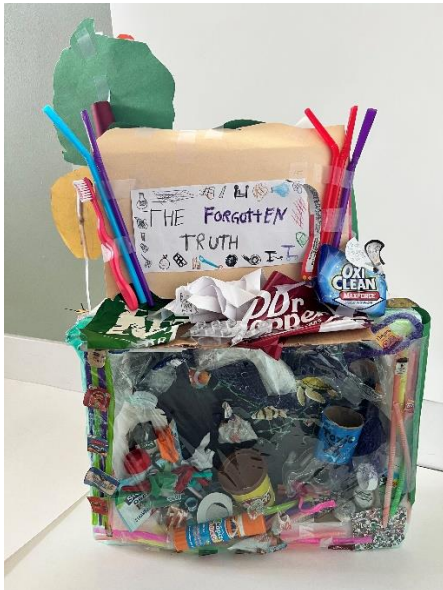
**SAN CARLOS, CA – April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – RethinkWaste is excited to announce the winners of its eleventh annual “Trash to Art” Contest, which was open to all 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the RethinkWaste service area. The contest challenged students to build a piece of art from normally discarded materials collected at home, school, and around the community. We encouraged all students and classes to think of creative, new ways to reduce and reuse our waste!

We received 29 total submissions from student artists and class groups. Their original creations included many colorful constructions and incredibly detailed models that look like they belong in a museum! This year, we selected first and second place winners for each grade level and first and second place for class groups. All winners will be recognized at our Earth Day event at the Shoreway Environmental Center on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> around noon.

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

#### First Place – 3rd Grade

- Kailey G.
- Homeschooled, Redwood City
- “The Forgotten Truth”

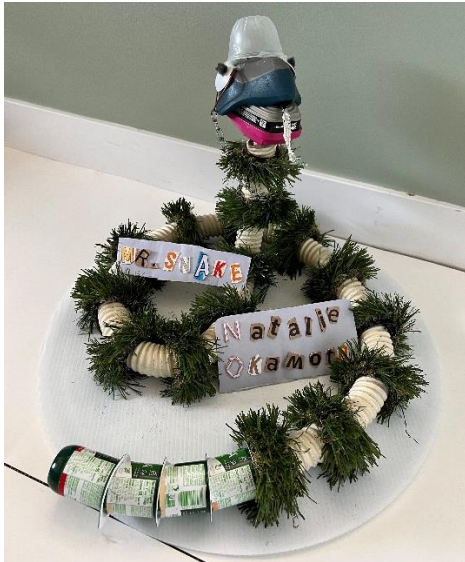


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Second Place – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

- Natalie O.
- White Oaks Elementary, San Carlos
- “Mr. Snake”



First Place – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Isabel Y.
- Belmont Oaks Academy, Belmont
- “Merry-Go-Round”



Second Place – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Parthi P.
- Nesbit Elementary, Belmont
- “Magical Night”



First place – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Peyton G.
- Mariposa Upper Elementary, San Carlos
- “Classical Waste”



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Second place – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Justin T.
- Arroyo Elementary, San Carlos
- “RethinkWaste and Save the Ocean”



First Place – Class

- Ms. Arai's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class
- White Oaks Elementary, San Carlos
- “Trashasaurus”



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## Second Place – Class

- Ms. Nguyen's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class
- Mariposa Upper Elementary, San Carlos
- "Food Butterfly"



## Honorable Mention – Class

- Ms. Martin's 3rd grade class
- White Oaks Elementary, San Carlos
- "It's a Small School, After All"



In addition to being acknowledged during RethinkWaste's Earth Day Event, 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

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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](https://www.facebook.com/RethinkWaste), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/RethinkWaste), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/RethinkWaste).

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