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RETHINKWASTE ANNOUNCES 2023 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS
Winners to Be Recognized at Upcoming City Council Meetings!

SAN CARLOS, CA – October 18, 2023 – RethinkWaste is very excited to announce the winners of its tenth annual poster contest, which was open to all 3rd through 8th graders attending schools in the RethinkWaste service area. The contest was extended to middle school grade levels for the first time! This year’s poster theme was “Super Sorters,” where students were asked to creatively illustrate the ways they sort their waste. In total, we received 47 original submissions from our student artists, representing 19 schools and six Member Agencies.

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

Elementary School Category

First Place – “We Are Super Sorters!”

Tao M., 5th grade, McKinley Elementary School, Burlingame



Second Place – “I ♡ Sorting”

Chloe L., 3rd grade, West Hillsborough Elementary, Hillsborough



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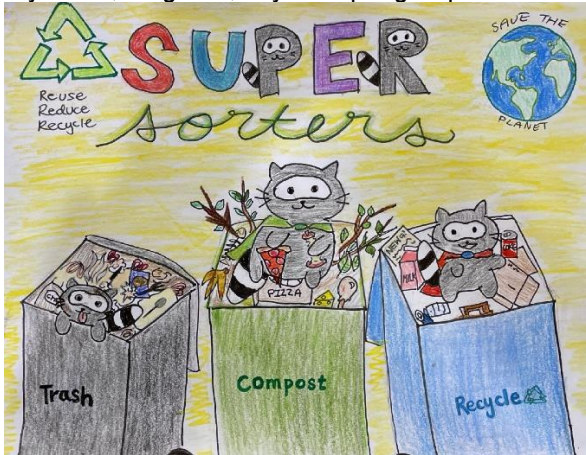
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Honorable Mention – *“Think Before You Toss!”*
 Isabel Y., 5th grade, Belmont Oaks Academy, Belmont



Middle School Category

First Place – *“Can We Do Better Than Racoons?”*
 Alyssa L., 6th grade, Crystal Springs Uplands School, Belmont



Second Place – *“Blue Black Green Bin”*
 Rya K., 7th grade, Crocker Middle School, Hillsborough



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Honorable Mention – “Treasure Our Trash”

Neel V., 8th grade, North Shoreview Montessori, San Mateo



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

The First Place posters will be featured on the side of Recology collection trucks, so the winners will see their artwork around their neighborhoods 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.

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

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 and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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