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RETHINKWASTE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2024 “TRASH TO ART” CONTEST Winner Recognition at Earth Day Event on April 27th

SAN CARLOS, CA – April 10th, 2024 – RethinkWaste is excited to announce the winners of its twelfth annual “Trash to Art” Contest, which was open to all 3rd through 5th grade students in the RethinkWaste service area. The contest prompted students to craft a piece of art from materials they collect around their home or school. Students and classes excelled at thinking of creative, fun ways to reduce and reuse their waste!

We received 45 total submissions from student artists and class groups in seven Member Agencies. The original constructions showcased incredible details and very intentional designs! This year, we selected first place and honorable mention winners for each grade level and first place and honorable mentions for class groups. All winners will be recognized at our Earth Day event at the Shoreway Environmental Center on Saturday, April 27th around noon.

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

First Place – 3rd Grade

- Ananya M.
- Laurel Elementary Upper Campus, Menlo Park
- “Monterey Bay Habitat”



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Honorable Mention – 3rd Grade

- Lucas V.
- Ocean Grove Charter, San Mateo
- “Bloom Boom”



First Place – 4th Grade

- Delaney O.
- Clifford School, Redwood City
- “Linda the Cow”



Honorable Mention – 4th Grade

- Kailey G.
- Homeschooled, Redwood City
- “Time Does Not Forgive”



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First Place – 5th Grade

- Mae A.
- Clifford School, Redwood City
- “A Horse of Metal”



Honorable Mention – 5th Grade

- Parthi P.
- Nesbit Elementary, Belmont
- “One Little World”



First Place – Class

- Ms. Martin’s 3rd grade class
- White Oaks Elementary, San Carlos
- “Positivitree: There’s a Place for Us All”



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Honorable Mention – Class

- Ms. Nash and Ms. Ramirez’s 4th grade class
- The Carey School, San Mateo
- “Dino Pig Water Park”



Honorable Mention – Class

- Mr. Londono’s 3rd grade class
- McKinley Elementary, Burlingame
- “Wreath of Nature”



The winning students and classes will receive special recognition at upcoming City Council meetings in their respective cities in addition to being acknowledged during RethinkWaste’s Earth Day Event.

Winners also choose from a variety of prize options as a reward for their efforts and achievements.

Please contact RethinkWaste directly for additional photos.

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 450,000 tons of materials annually. More than half is recycled and provides almost 400 jobs for our local community. See [RethinkWaste.org](https://www.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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