



For Immediate Release

For Further Information:  
Emi Hashizume, RethinkWaste  
Phone: 650-802-3506  
Email: [ehashizume@rethinkwaste.org](mailto:ehashizume@rethinkwaste.org)

**RETHINKWASTE ANNOUNCES 2018 HOLIDAY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**  
*Winners to Be Recognized at Upcoming City Council Meetings!*

**SAN CARLOS, CA – January 17, 2019** – RethinkWaste is very excited to announce the winners of its fifth annual poster contest, which was open to all 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders attending schools in the RethinkWaste service area. This contest had a special winter theme – “Rethink Recycling for the Holidays!” Over 40 submissions were received and a first, second, and third place winner were selected, as well as two Honorable Mentions.

The winners and their respective schools are listed below:

**First Place** – *“Let’s have a Clean Holiday”*

- Bhavya R., 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Belmont Oaks Academy

**Second Place** – *“Eid Mubarak”*

- Heayam A., 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Brewer Island Elementary, Foster City

**Third Place** – *“Holiday Recycling”*

- Rayna S., 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, San Mateo Park Elementary

**Honorable Mention** – *“Naughty or Nice?”*

- Alina Z., 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Brewer Island Elementary, Foster City

**Honorable Mention** – *“Rethink Recycling Around the World”*

- Thalia Cheung, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Belmont Oaks Academy

Bhavya’s First Place poster will be featured on the side of a Recology recycling truck with routes in Belmont, so she can look forward to seeing her artwork around her school and neighborhood this spring! All the posters will be showcased on the RethinkWaste website and social media and may appear in RethinkWaste newsletters and other educational materials.

In addition to having their artwork shared throughout the RethinkWaste community, the students winning first, second, and third place received tickets to a local science museum of their choice.

610 Elm Street, Suite 202 | P: 650-802-3500 |  
San Carlos, CA 94070 | F: 650-802-3501 | [RethinkWaste.org](http://RethinkWaste.org)

MEMBER AGENCIES: Town of Atherton • City of Belmont • City of Burlingame • City of East Palo Alto • City of Foster City • Town of Hillsborough  
City of Menlo Park • City of Redwood City • City of San Carlos • City of San Mateo • County of San Mateo • West Bay Sanitary District

All contest winners will also be recognized at upcoming City Council meetings. The meeting dates are included here:

San Mateo City Council Meeting  
Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Belmont City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Foster City City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

#### About RethinkWaste

RethinkWaste is a joint powers authority of twelve public agencies in San Mateo County (Atherton, 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 Shoreway Environmental Center, which processes all the collected trash, recyclable and compostable materials. See [www.RethinkWaste.org](http://www.RethinkWaste.org) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter at @RethinkWaste.

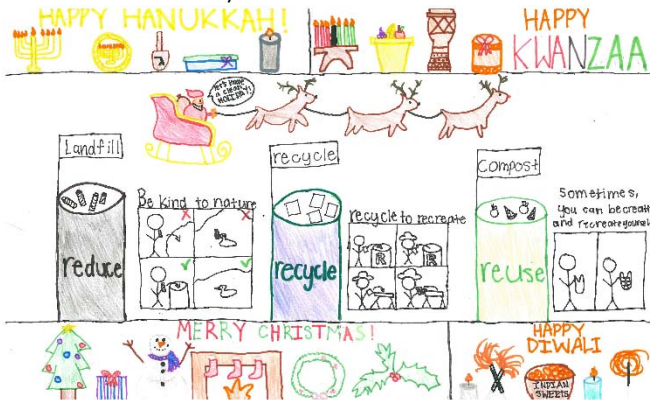
###

610 Elm Street, Suite 202    P: 650-802-3500  
San Carlos, CA 94070    F: 650-802-3501    [RethinkWaste.org](http://RethinkWaste.org)

MEMBER AGENCIES: Town of Atherton • City of Belmont • City of Burlingame • City of East Palo Alto • City of Foster City • Town of Hillsborough  
City of Menlo Park • City of Redwood City • City of San Carlos • City of San Mateo • County of San Mateo • West Bay Sanitary District

Sneak peak of the winning submissions below! Larger images available upon request.

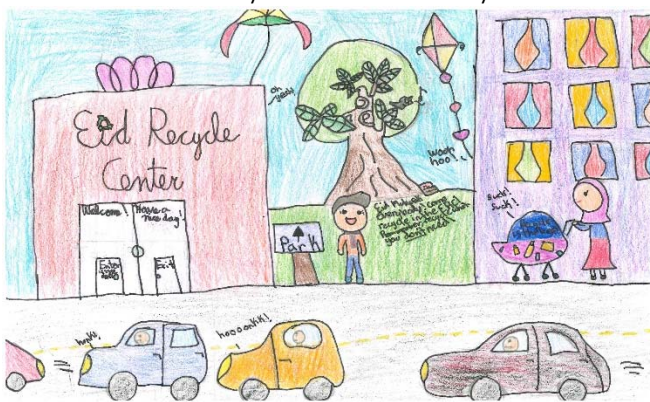
**First Place – Bhavya R. – Belmont**



**Honorable Mention - Alina Z. – Foster City**



**Second Place – Heayam A – Foster City**



**Honorable Mention – Thalia C. – Belmont**



**Third Place – Rayna S. – San Mateo**



610 Elm Street, Suite 202 P: 650-802-3500  
 San Carlos, CA 94070 F: 650-802-3501 RethinkWaste.org

MEMBER AGENCIES: Town of Atherton • City of Belmont • City of Burlingame • City of East Palo Alto • City of Foster City • Town of Hillsborough  
 City of Menlo Park • City of Redwood City • City of San Carlos • City of San Mateo • County of San Mateo • West Bay Sanitary District