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Local Students Share Clean Air Messages Through Artwork

(Davis, CA) – The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District’s (YSAQMD) 2023 Clean Air Art Contest invited K-12 grade students residing or attending school within District boundaries to participate in this annual educational campaign. Students were asked to submit artwork illustrating Clean Air messages, or complete the sentence “Clean air is important to me because...” and draw a picture depicting their answer. YSAQMD received 75 entries from students representing 21 schools across the air district. The YSAQMD Board of Directors and district staff had the rewarding yet difficult task of selecting the top three drawings in each grade category.

The following students’ artwork was selected, and each student will receive a Certificate of Achievement and a gift card. The winning artwork will be featured in YSAQMD outreach materials.

Grades K-2:

- 1st Place: Meerub Khuram, Tafoya Elementary, Woodland
- 2nd Place: Marjie Burke, Waggoner Elementary, Winters
- 3rd Place: Reem Mahmoud, North Davis Elementary, Davis

Grades 3– 5:

- 1st Place: Hareem Khuram, Tafoya Elementary, Woodland
- 2nd Place: Yousef Mahmoud, North Davis Elementary, Davis
- 3rd Place: Camilla Anahi Fuerte, Whitehead Elementary, Woodland

Grades 6 – 8:

- 1st Place: Joanna Liao, Holmes Jr. High, Davis
- 2nd Place: Elizabeth Cui, Willet Elementary, Davis
- 3rd Place: Mariam Mahmoud, North Davis Elementary, Davis

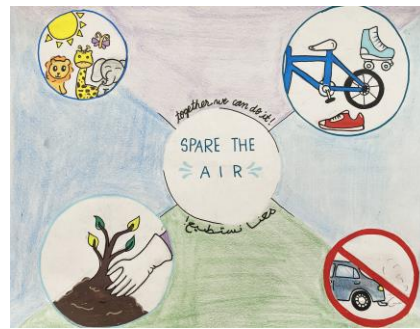
Grades 9– 12:

- 1st Place: Maryam El-Mashad, Davis Sr. High School, Davis
- 2nd Place: Ramish Naseem, Woodland High School, Davis
- 3rd Place: Ciena Barrera, Davis Sr. High School, Davis

“We were excited to see so many wonderful and imaginative entries this year representing what clean air means to the youth that we serve. This contest provides a fun and creative way for students to learn about what impacts air quality and helps identify simple actions students can take to improve the air in their community,” said Karin Bloesch, Public Outreach Coordinator.

This contest is one example of the outreach, public education, and community engagement YSAQMD organizes to support its mission to protect human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution. The YSAQMD serves the residents of Yolo County and the northeast portion of Solano County. To learn more about the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, sign up for the quarterly Air

Aware newsletter, or register for air quality alerts, visit: www.ysaqmd.org. Connect with the District on Facebook and Twitter @YoloSolanoAir or Nextdoor at Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District.



Pictures are 1st place winners in each grade category.

Top left: Meerub Khuram (2nd grade), Top right: Hareem Khuram (3rd grade)

Bottom left: Joanna Kiao (8th grade), Bottom right: Maryam El-Mashad (11th Grade)

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