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WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT WATER AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES

In celebration of the statewide recognition of May as Water Awareness Month, the Walnut Valley Water District recently held a reception honoring high school essay contest winners and elementary school poster contest winners from local schools within its service area. The students and schools were recognized for their outstanding efforts in promoting the importance of water as a precious resource.

High School Essay Contest

Awards were presented to four local high school students who were the winners in the District's 7th Annual High School Essay Contest. These students were required to compose an original 500 word essay using expository, descriptive, narrative, or persuasive writings addressing the theme, "Water is Life." The essays were judged for their total effectiveness, organization, logic, accuracy, usage, and originality.

The awards presented for the high school essay contest were as follows:

Sharon Kuo, Diamond Bar High School
Grand Prize – Plaque plus \$400 U.S. Savings Bond

Hanna Song, Diamond Bar High School
First Place – Plaque plus \$300 U.S. Savings Bond

Steve Kim, Diamond Bar High School
Second Place – Plaque plus \$200 U.S. Savings Bond

Benjamin Lee, Walnut High School
Third Place – Plaque plus \$100 U.S. Savings Bond

Poster Contest

Plaques were presented to Diamond Bar and Walnut area elementary school (3rd, 4th and 5th grade) students for posters they developed for participation in the fourteenth Annual Poster Contest in conjunction with the District's Water Awareness Month educational activities. There were a total of 87 posters entered in the competition, representing two school districts, eight public schools, thirty teachers, and a total of 733 participants. Participating teachers were allowed to submit a maximum of three posters to represent their class.

The poster contest awards presented at the ceremony were as follows:

Third Grade Category

Connie Chen, First Place

Ms. Jennifer Folster, Vejar Elementary

Shirley Shaw, Second Place

Mrs. Sally Choi-Hwang, Evergreen Elementary

Alexandra Thornock, Third Place

Mrs. Lynne Stark, Evergreen Elementary

Brittany Watu, Fourth Place

Ms. Kay Hoard, Vejar Elementary

Fourth Grade Category

Megan Phang, First Place

Mrs. Margaret Bersch, Vejar Elementary

Nolan Hoff, Second Place

Mrs. Margaret Bersch, Vejar Elementary

Celina Lee, Third Place

Mrs. Margaret Bersch, Vejar Elementary

John Miranda, Fourth Place (tie)

Mr. Jim Brandenburgh, Vejar Elementary

Emily Ornelas, Fourth Place (tie)

Mrs. Karen Fenstermaker, Diamond Point Elementary

Fifth Grade Category

Jackol Lai, First Place

Ms. Shirley Conner, Maple Hill Elementary

Bonnie Lei, Second Place

Mrs. Pam Woolley, Vejar Elementary

Serena Yu, Third Place

Mrs. Terry Shockley, Vejar Elementary

Joanna Shen, Fourth Place

Mr. Larry Pinto, Vejar Elementary

Winning posters will be entered in the 2005 Metropolitan Water District Calendar Contest.