

Winners of “*Our Planet, Our Home*” K-8 Environmental Literacy and Art Contest



Rachael Lynn Sherman, Grade 2, Glenn E. Murdock Elementary.
"Don't throw it on the Ground." 1st Place, Art Grades K-2.

The judges love Rachel's attention to detail with both flora and fauna, her commitment to good citizenship, and love of our home town.



Blakley Pemberton, Grade, 1 Loma Elementary.
"Recycle." 2nd Place, Art Grades K-2.

Blakley knows the world and recycling are in our hands. We love the three dimensionality and development of his theme.



Audrey Robinson and Paul Sorensen, Kindergarten, Innovation Centre La Mesa.
"Stepping up to make a 'greener' La Mesa." Honorable Mention, Art Grades K-2.

Good selection of materials and textures, reflection on the water cycle, from plumbing to plant.



Arllette Zamorano, Grade 4 Loma Elementary,
Art 1st place Grades 3-5. "Recycle Liter" shows tremendous thought, color, motion and attention details, right down to the freckles.



Hanna Molina, Grade 4, Loma Elementary.
"Contrasts." 2nd Place, Art Grades 3-5.

Hanna conveys the emotional impact between a world in ecological balance versus imbalance and deterioration.



Briar Hendricks, Grade 4, Loma Elementary.
"Don't Litter!" Honorable Mention, Art Grades 3-5.

Briar wants to to recycle, save our planet, and save our trees.



Madison Deguzman, Grade 7, Spring Valley Middle School.
"Stay Clean, Stay Green, Stay Active, La Mesa." 1st Place, Art Grades 6-8.

Madison has the sophisticated eye and heart of a graphic artist, with her clear, clean, crisp delineation of the event's theme. We love that La Mesa is her world.



Tre Swafford, Grade 7, Spring Valley Elementary School.
"The world is yours. Be wise." Art 2nd Place Grades 6-8.

A thoughtful approach and understanding, that the world, from natural to made environment, is in our hands.

What Do You See?

Look around what do you see?
Is it the swaying trees?
Or maybe even the falling leaves,
Whatever you do see,
It's time for us all to go green!

I don't think you know the chance you're taking,
Could leave us all with no saving,
And although I know it's easier to turn a blind
eye,
If you want a better life leave the past behind,
We don't want everywhere to rot,
So maybe try to fix the lot,
It's time for us to take a stand,
And show everyone that green isn't bland.

By, Dessire Corona



Dessire Corona. Grade 8, Spring Valley Middle School.
"What Do You See?" First Place Poetry Grades 6-8.

Dessire turns a dissatisfied eye to the past, and asks us to get involved for a more sustainable future.

CLEAN AND GREEN

The sea is clean and green
parks are clean and green
wide hills are clean and green
why aren't we clean and green
lets make la mesa clean and green
make it so we breath clean air
make it so that when we breath
the pollution wont hurt your spline
of course this is just an opinion but I hope that my opinion
will make la mesa clean and green
lets make my opinion a fact not only that la mesa is clean and green but the world is also
so lets make it so that
our lives
our
clean
and
green.

By JP ELLER

J.P. Eller, 7th Grade, Spring Valley Middle School.
"Clean and Green." 2nd Place, Poetry, Grades 6-8.

By juxtaposing images from macro to micro and back, JP shows the reader how small local changes have an impact on the wider world.

Clean Green Active La Mesa

Help our environment to stay

Clean green, fun everyday

Take shorter showers and pick up trash

Wash your hands and do the funky dance

Water your plants so the environment can stay green

But not every day because we are in a drought, you see

So, help our environment and La Mesa stay clean

Pauline Separa, Grade Loma Elementary.

"Clean Green Active La Mesa." Honorable Mention Poetry Grades 6-8.

Paulina's poem offers a thoughtful approach on ways to keep La Mesa Clean, Green and Active.