

Cover Kinley O'Connor 6th Grade AE Wright Middle School Julie Herrera

"Recycling is very important and can help to save animals and the atmosphere. Think about it, if you put a plastic bag into the trash instead of recycling that is one animal that may not get to live another day. Also if you throw plastic trash away the plastic breaks down into microplastics that will stay in the environment forever. My family is very mindful about recycling, we make sure to put everything that can be recycled in the recycling and we even send all our plastic to a special place where they can commercially recycle all the plastic that otherwise could not be recycled."

1 Jordan Kosasky 2nd Grade Bay Laurel Elementary School Pam Rudy

"In my opinion I think that you should recycle anything that you can. Don't just be lazy and throw it in the trashcan. If your food gets too ripe or bruised make it into a smoothie or pie. You can really turn it into anything that you want. Remember to only buy what you eat. If you get too much give it to your dog or pet that can eat it and you can also donate the food to a food drive. Remember to always recycle anything that you can because that helps our home and the environment."

2 Adrianna Berlant 5th Grade Chaparral Elementary School Kendra Napier

3 Liam Benabou 3rd Grade Lupin Hill Elementary School Beth Arcudi

"My name is Liam Benabou and I am student in Mrs. Arcudi's 3rd grade class at Lupin Hill Elementary School. At school, I am a member of the green team, a club that helps clean and keep our school beautiful. During the week at recess, I pick up trash that has been left on our campus. Before thanksgiving break we had our recycling drive where everyone from the school brought in their recyclable trash for us to collect and sort so that we could raise money to plant trees to make our school more beautiful and clean the air. At home I also make sure to throw recyclables in the recycling bin. Everyday I bring a reusable water bottle and lunch container to school because it's better for the environment."

4 Grace Halecky 7th Grade AE Wright Middle School Milinda Jaffe

"To recycle in my school, I pick up trash that isn't mine. I pick up trash that I see around campus and put it in the recycling bin. Picking up trash that isn't mine can also encourage other people like my friends to do so as well, and more people will recycle."

5 Kaia Berger 2nd Grade Bay Laurel Elementary School Mary Bloom

"Hi, my name is Kaia Berger and I am in Mrs. Bloom's second grade class at Bay Laurel elementary school. Recycling is important to me because I like to save the world by doing it. At home we have a trash can just for recycling, and sometimes I use boxes for art projects instead of throwing them away. I hope everyone recycles so we can save our planet. Thank you."

6 Caitlyn Mulligan 8th Grade AE Wright Middle School Ryan Bostrom

7 Adam Hendelman 4th Grade Bay Laurel Elementary School Jennifer Kodama

"Hello my name is Adam Hendelman and I'm excited that my art was chosen in the City of Calabasas recycling contest. I always try to do my part and help the planet any way I can and not be wasteful. Like I showed in my poster, I try not waste food. When there are any leftovers, I share with others or use it for

compost. There are so many different ways to recycle. This contest was such a great way to share your recycling ideas with others, and see how others do their part to recycle. If we all do our part we can really heal our planet. Even small acts could make a big change in our world.”

8 Nicole Kenigsberg Kindergarten Bay Laurel Elementary School Kathleen Sternbach

“My drawing shows that you should only pack the food that you will eat. This is important because if there is food left over that you will not eat, you are wasting food and the containers for the food. There is already not enough food in the world for everyone. Wasting food and creating more pollution will only make things worse. Some other ways I like to help with recycling in my school is reusing supplies for art projects, using the front and back of paper when I can, and using the recycle bin for water bottles and hot lunch containers.”

9 Luciana Fisher 4th Grade Chaparral Elementary School Brigette Stevenson

“Hi, My name is Lucy Fisher and I am a 4th grader at Chaparral elementary in Ms. Stevenson's class. Thank you City Council and Environmental Commission for choosing me to represent September in this year’s recycling calendar contest. I am very happy to let people know that composting is the way to go. You should always take only what you can eat, compost organic waste, consider packaging and eat leftovers. If everyone follows these 4 simple rules you will find our earth will be much cleaner. And don’t forget to always Reduce, Reuse, Refuse, and Recycle! Thank you!”

10 Audrey Mediuch 5th Grade Bay Laurel Elementary School Julie Atkinson

“It is very important to recycle and help take care of the environment. I help my school reduce waste bringing reusable lunch bags, food containers, snack bags, and water bottles that I can refill at the water refill station. I only throw away paper in recycling bins. I sometimes bring leftovers from home for lunch so they won’t go to waste. At home, I take care of the environment by recycling plastic, glass, and paper such as magazines and newspapers. I also try to use any leftover scraps of paper for arts and crafts. Sometimes when I have fruit that is going a little bad, I freeze them to make a dessert or a smoothie. Those are the many ways I do help the environment.”

11 Caden Chiang 8th Grade AE Wright Middle School Ryan Bostom

12 Keshet Eitan 1st Grade Bay Laurel Elementary School Sharon Horne

“At our school we have a recycling bin where we eat. Sometimes there is a staff member to make sure people are putting the trash where it is supposed to go. Each class has a recycling bin. I use a metal water bottle and for the disposable items I look for the recycling bin.”

13 Maya Kutty 6th Grade AE Wright Middle School Holly Stivers