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**Maricopa County Stormwater Pollution Poster Contest Winners**

Maricopa County Environmental Services Department Stormwater Quality Program is proud to announce the results of the 2013 Stormwater Pollution Awareness Poster Contest.

Stormwater runoff is one of the leading causes of water pollution in the United States. In an effort to bring awareness to this problem, elementary students in Maricopa County were encouraged to submit posters supporting the message “Clean Water, I Can Help”. A total of 175 entries from nine schools were received and judged based on artwork, originality, and message delivery. With the support of REI and Maricopa County Library District, prizes were awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in two categories: 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade.

“This is an excellent program that teaches young students to be more environmentally conscious and responsible,” said Maricopa County Supervisors’ Chairman Andy Kunasek. “We are thrilled to see participation in our Stormwater Poster contest increase each year.”

3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> Grade winners

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Yesenia Arellano	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Peoria Elementary	Ms. Bien
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Emma Nasi	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	New River Elementary	Mrs. Clover
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Hannah DiFabio	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Calibre Academy	Ms. Sinclair

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade winners

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jaimee Brown	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Rainbow Valley Elementary	Ms. Crause
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Mia Barcello	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	New River Elementary	Mrs. Davis
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Jimena Martinez Medoza	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Palo Verde Elementary	Ms. Nelson

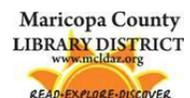
“Once again, this contest has been a good way to spread a very important message and it’s also fun for the kids,” said John Kolman, director with Maricopa County Environmental Services Department. “We appreciate all the efforts by the students and their teachers in sharing their talents while learning about Stormwater pollution.”

The winners will receive a certificate at a Maricopa County Board of Supervisors formal meeting presented by Chairman Andy Kunasek and the board members.

Winning posters will be used as part of the Stormwater Quality outreach efforts.

Thank you to all of the contest entrants and congratulations to the winners.

To find out how you can help to keep our waters clean, please check out our website at [www.maricopa.gov/stormwater](http://www.maricopa.gov/stormwater) .



**What:** Maricopa County Stormwater Quality Program's announcement of the 2013 Stormwater Pollution Poster Contest Winners.

**When:** Wednesday May 8, 2013  
9:00 AM

**Where:** Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Auditorium  
205 West Jefferson  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

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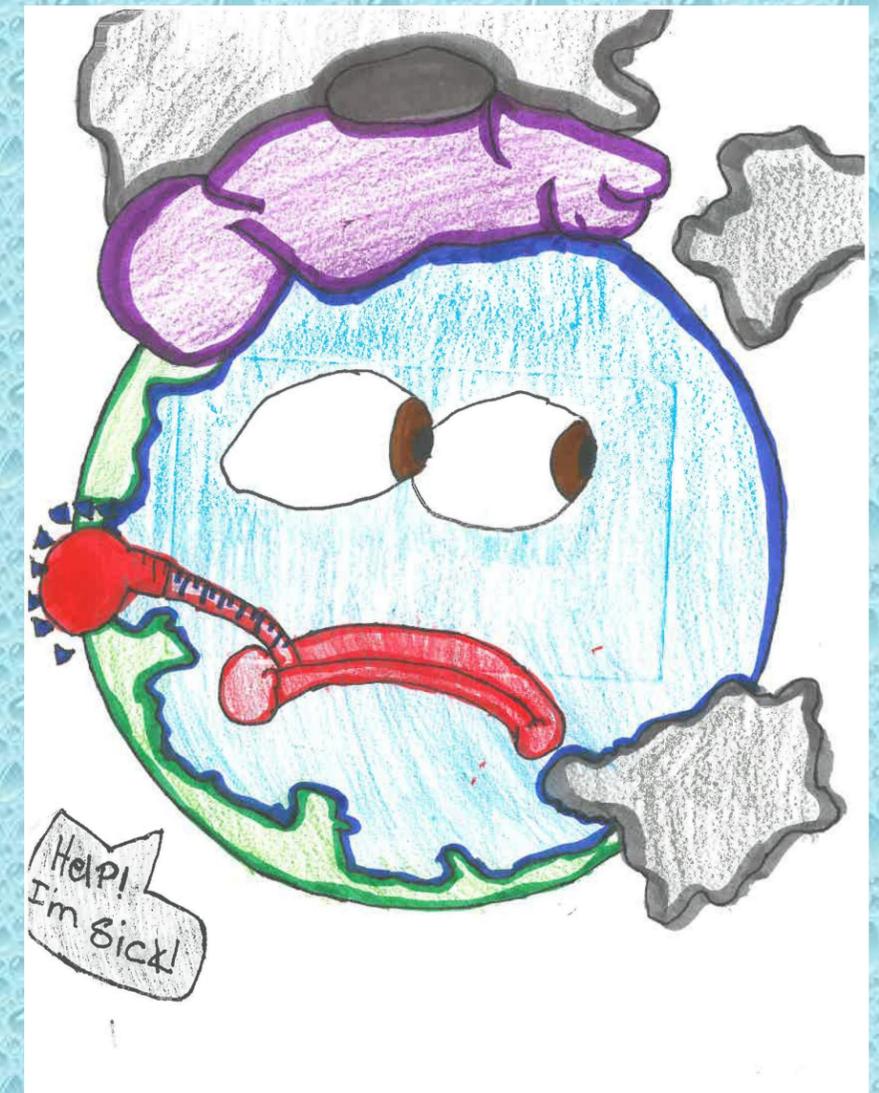
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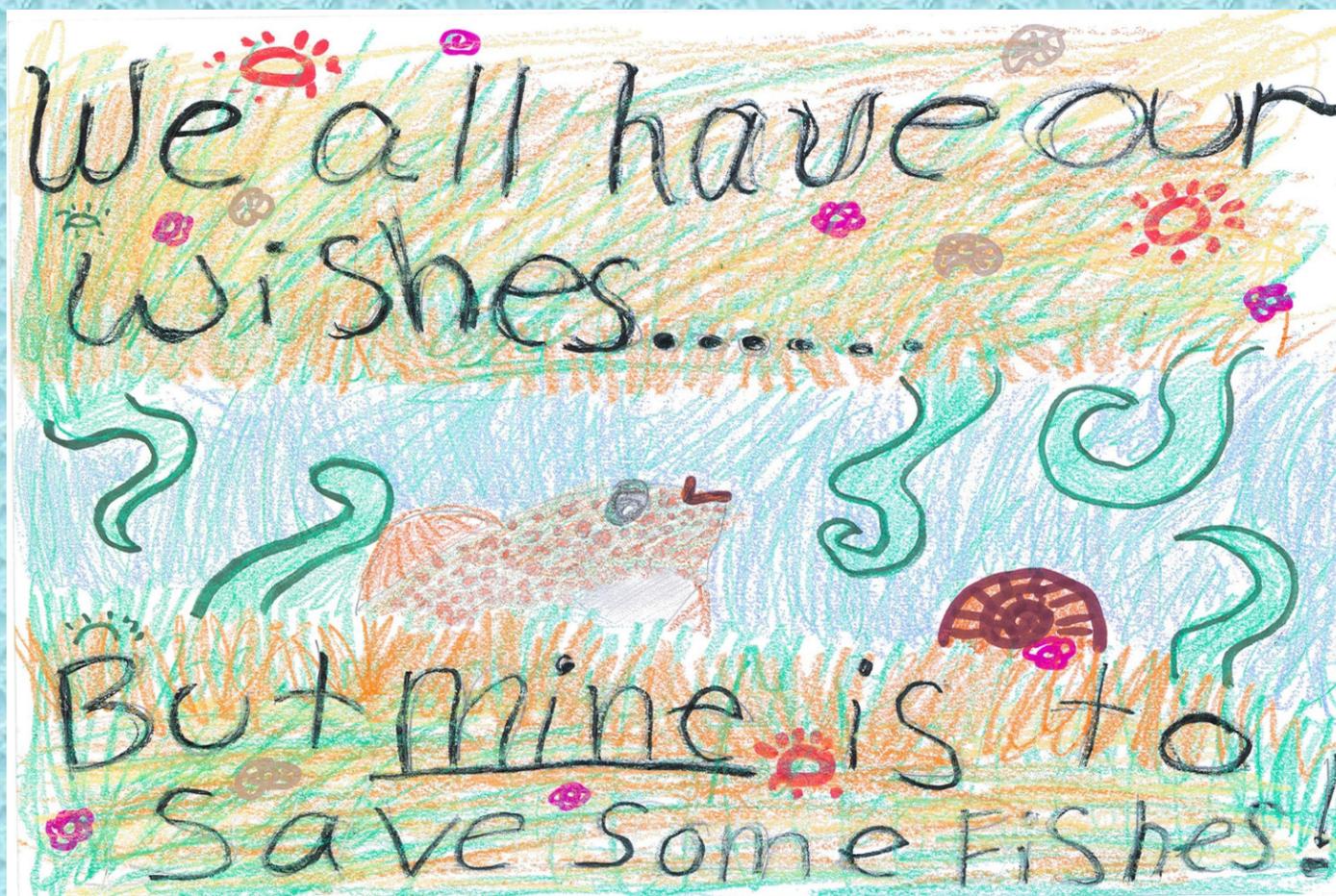
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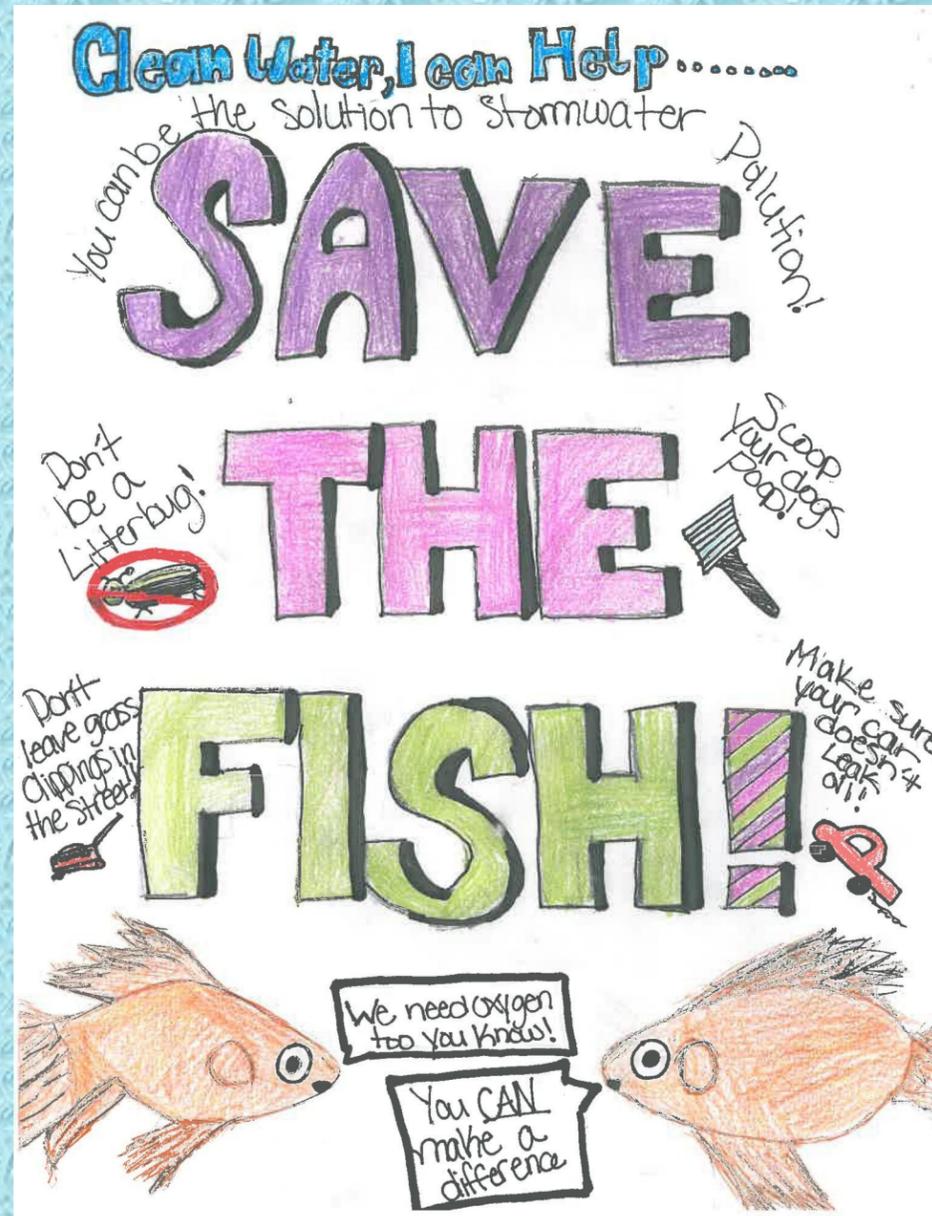
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