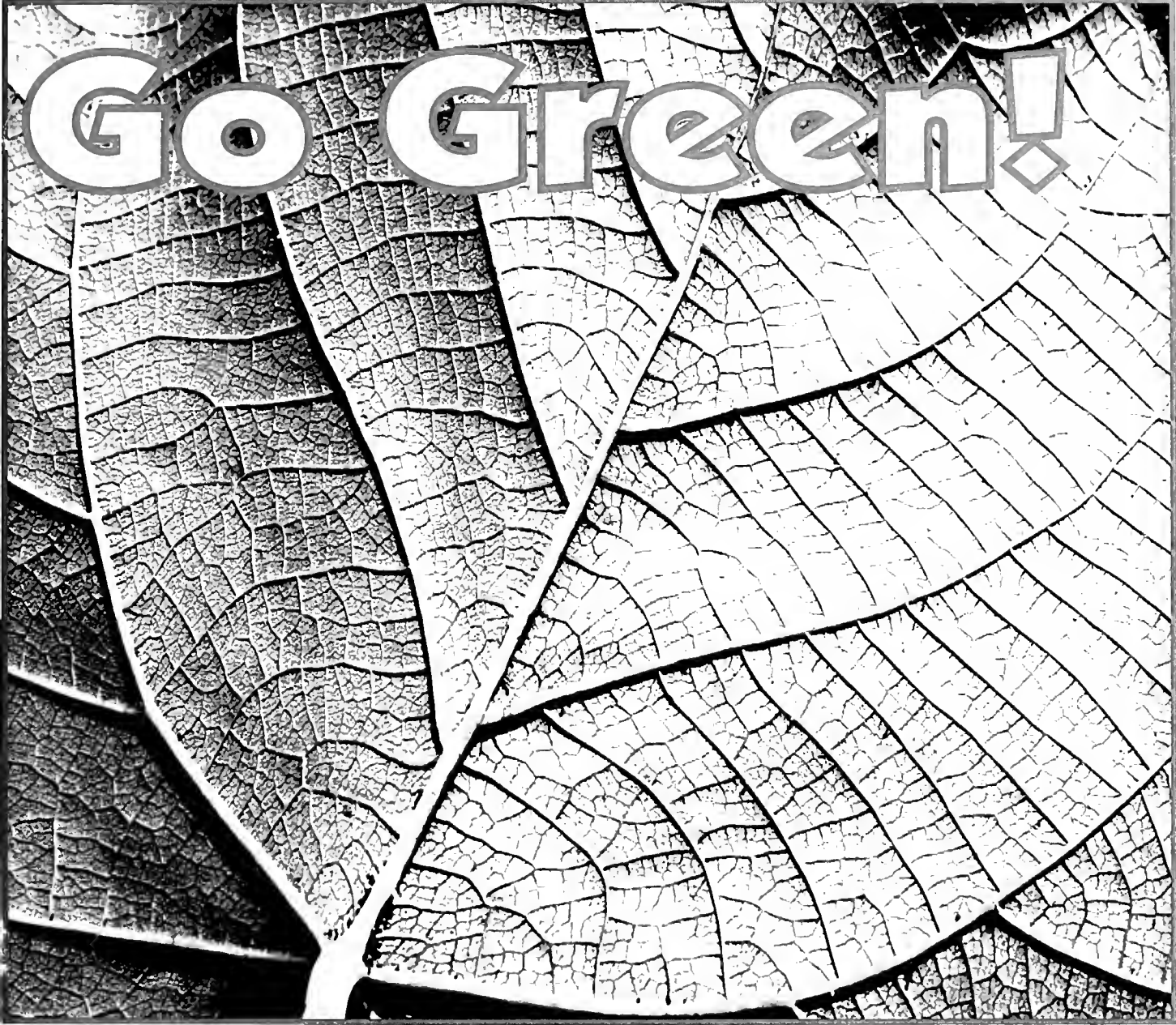


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Allen County Public Library
"Go Green!"

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Winners Sorted by Grade

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| Kindergarten | First Place | The Recycle Bin | Josh Henschen | Emmanuel-St. Michael |
| Kindergarten | Second Place | Take Care of the Earth | Carter Cumbey | Emmaus Lutheran |
| Kindergarten | Third Place | Recycling | Graham Stiver | Homeschool |
| Grade 1 | First Place | Clean Earth | Nate DeRose | Huntertown |
| Grade 1 | Second Place | Don't Throw Trash | Tim DeRose | Huntertown |
| Grade 1 | Third Place | Go Green | Brenden Mahoney | Holy Cross Lutheran |
| Grade 1 | Honorable Mention | Green Earth | Rod Custard | Bethlehem Lutheran |
| Grade 2 | First Place | Recycle | Zoe Moore | Weisser Park Fine Arts Magnet |
| Grade 2 | Second Place | Save the Earth | Alexa Walters | Croninger |
| Grade 2 | Third Place | A Matter of My Heart | Ben Henschen | Emmanuel-St. Michael |
| Grade 2 | Honorable Mention | Go | Alexis Harper | Oak View |
| Grade 3 | First Place | A Gift Giver | Sophie Parrent | Homeschool |
| Grade 3 | Second Place | Healing the Earth | Sam Dick | Weisser Park Fine Arts Magnet |
| Grade 3 | Third Place | Be a Green Machine | Kelsey Matthias | Croninger |
| Grade 3 | Honorable Mention | Why? | Emily Johnson | Canterbury |
| Grade 3 | Honorable Mention | Our Earth | Bethany Zeckzer | Central Lutheran |
| Grade 4 | First Place | Green Kids | Avery Volz | Croninger |
| Grade 4 | Second Place | Go Green | Hailey Collins | Saint Joseph Hessen Cassel |
| Grade 4 | Third Place | Saving Energy | Taylor Barrette | Holy Cross Lutheran |
| Grade 4 | Honorable Mention | Save the Planet | Morgan Moloney | Holy Cross Lutheran |
| Grade 5 | First Place | Go Green | Andrew Danielson | Sunnybrook |
| Grade 5 | Second Place | Recycle!!! | Brittany Marquart | Adams |
| Grade 5 | Third Place | The Three Rs | Gina Obergfell | St. Jude |
| Grade 5 | Honorable Mention | Go Green | Braydon Gass | Holy Cross Lutheran |
| Grade 5 | Honorable Mention | Help Planet Earth | Veronica Chunn | Adams |
| Grade 6 | First Place | Wonderful Sites Being Ruined | Michaela Mintch | Memorial Park |
| Grade 6 | Second Place | Go Green | Molly McCune | Memorial Park |
| Grade 6 | Third Place | Solution | Grace King | St. Paul's Lutheran |
| Grade 6 | Honorable Mention | The Great Trees | Emerald Guntle | Memorial Park |
| Grade 7 | First Place | Go Green | Cassidy Zickmund | Leo |
| Grade 7 | Second Place | Go Green!! | Ericka Ewell | Holy Cross Lutheran |
| Grade 7 | Third Place | Go Green Haiku | Will Jettinghoff | Holy Cross Lutheran |
| Grade 7 | Honorable Mention | untitled | Nick Busse | Leo |

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| Grade 8 | First Place | Going Green | Stephan Gieschen | St. Paul's Lutheran |
| Grade 8 | Second Place | Going Green | Lucinda Waldschmidt | Memorial Park |
| Grade 8 | Third Place | Go Green | Emily Barrand | Memorial Park |
| Grade 8 | Honorable Mention | Green Trees | Sarah Bellavance | Canterbury |
| Grade 8 | Honorable Mention | The Clearing | Daniela Moeller | St. Paul's Lutheran |
| Grade 8 | Honorable Mention | The Oak | Abbey Faile | St. Paul's Lutheran |
| Grade 8 | Honorable Mention | untitled | Al Stovall | Canterbury |
| Grade 9 | First Place | The Last Tree | Jade Muncy | Bishop Dwenger |
| Grade 9 | Second Place | My Planet | Elineida Lucca | North Side |
| Grade 9 | Third Place | untitled | Veronica Frecker | Bishop Luers |
| Grade 9 | Honorable Mention | Go Green!! | Sonya Washington II | Snider |
| Grade 10 | First Place | Snow | Nikki Fawcett | Leo |
| Grade 10 | Second Place | I Am a Recycle bin | Leartry Jenkins | Elmhurst |
| Grade 10 | Third Place | Emotion Poem | Daniel Brocks | North Side |
| Grade 10 | Honorable Mention | Go Green! | Ashlyn Randall | Bishop Dwenger |
| Grade 11 | First Place | don't make Her miss Him | Nicole Dent | Bishop Dwenger |
| Grade 11 | Second Place | More than What is Seen | Katie DelBello | Bishop Dwenger |
| Grade 11 | Third Place | Sprouts | Nicholas Westerhausen | Leo |
| Grade 11 | Honorable Mention | Handful of Water | Jade Pressler | Bishop Dwenger |
| Grade 12 | First Place | Garden of Beginning | Justin Green | Wayne |
| Grade 12 | Second Place | Green | Tom Zehr | Bishop Dwenger |
| Grade 12 | Third Place | Help Save the World | Amber Terry | Elmhurst |
| Grade 12 | Honorable Mention | Melting Planet | Alex Banister | Bishop Dwenger |

Winners sorted by Name

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| Alex Banister | Grade 12 | Honorable Mention | Melting Planet | Bishop Dwenger |
| Emily Barrand | Grade 8 | Third Place | Go Green | Memorial Park |
| Taylor Barrette | Grade 4 | Third Place | Saving Energy | Holy Cross |
| Sarah Bellavance | Grade 8 | Honorable Mention | Green Trees | Canterbury |
| Nick Busse | Grade 7 | Honorable Mention | untitled | Leo |
| Veronica Chunn | Grade 5 | Honorable Mention | Help Planet Earth | Adams |
| Hailey Collins | Grade 4 | Second Place | Go Green | Saint Joseph Hessen Cassel |
| Carter Cumbey | Kindergarten | Second Place | Take Care of the Earth | Emmaus Lutheran |
| Rod Custard | Grade 1 | Honorable Mention | Green Earth | Bethlehem Lutheran |
| Andrew Danielson | Grade 5 | First Place | Go Green | Sunnybrook |

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| Katie DeBello | Grade 11 | Second Place | More than What is Seen | Bishop Dwenger |
| Nicole Dent | Grade 11 | First Place | don't make Her miss Him | Bishop Dwenger |
| Nate DeRose | Grade 1 | First Place | Clean Earth | Huntertown |
| Tim DeRose | Grade 1 | Second Place | Don't Throw Trash | Huntertown |
| Sam Dick | Grade 3 | Second Place | Healing the Earth | Weisser Park |
| Ericka Ewell | Grade 7 | Second Place | Go Green!! | Holy Cross Lutheran |
| Abbey Faile | Grade 8 | Honorable Mention | The Oak | St. Paul's Lutheran |
| Nikki Fawcett | Grade 10 | First Place | Snow | Leo |
| Veronica Frecker | Grade 9 | Third Place | untitled | Bishop Luers |
| Braydon Gass | Grade 5 | Honorable Mention | Go Green | Holy Cross Lutheran |
| Stephan Gieschen | Grade 8 | First Place | Going Green | St. Paul's Lutheran |
| Justin Green | Grade 12 | First Place | Garden of Beginning | Wayne |
| Emerald Guntle | Grade 6 | Honorable Mention | The Great Trees | Memorial Park |
| Alexis Harper | Grade 2 | Honorable Mention | Go | Oak View |
| Ben Henschen | Grade 2 | Third Place | A Matter of My Heart | Emmanuel-St. Michael |
| Josh Henschen | Kindergarten | First Place | The Recycle Bin | Emmanuel-St. Michael |
| Leartry Jenkins | Grade 10 | Second Place | I Am a Recycle bin | Elmhurst |
| Will Jettinghoff | Grade 7 | Third Place | Go Green Haiku | Holy Cross Lutheran |
| Emily Johnson | Grade 3 | Honorable Mention | Why? | Canterbury |
| Grace King | Grade 6 | Third Place | Solution | St. Paul's Lutheran |
| Elineida Lucca | Grade 9 | Second Place | My Planet | North Side |
| Brenden Mahoney | Grade 1 | Third Place | Go Green | Holy Cross Lutheran |
| Brittany Marquart | Grade 5 | Second Place | Recycle!!! | Adams |
| Kelsey Matthias | Grade 3 | Third Place | Be a Green Machine | Croninger |
| Molly McCune | Grade 6 | Second Place | Go Green | Memorial Park |
| Michaela Mintch | Grade 6 | First Place | Wonderful Sites Being Ruined | Memorial Park |
| Daniela Moeller | Grade 8 | Honorable Mention | The Clearing | St. Paul's Lutheran |
| Morgan Moloney | Grade 4 | Honorable Mention | Save the Planet | Holy Cross Lutheran |
| Zoe Moore | Grade 2 | First Place | Recycle | Weisser Park |
| Jade Muncy | Grade 9 | First Place | The Last Tree | Bishop Dwenger |
| Gina Obergfell | Grade 5 | Third Place | The Three Rs | St. Jude |
| Sophie Parrent | Grade 3 | First Place | A Gift Giver | Homeschool |
| Jade Pressler | Grade 11 | Honorable Mention | Handful of Water | Bishop Dwenger |
| Ashlyn Randall | Grade 10 | Honorable Mention | Go Green! | Bishop Dwenger |
| Graham Stiver | Kindergarten | Third Place | Recycling | Homeschool |
| Al Stovall | Grade 8 | Honorable Mention | untitled | Canterbury |
| Amber Terry | Grade 12 | Third Place | Help Save the World | Elmhurst |
| Avery Volz | Grade 4 | First Place | Green Kids | Croninger |
| Lucinda Waldschmidt | Grade 8 | Second Place | Going Green | Memorial Park |
| Alexa Walters | Grade 2 | Second Place | Save the Earth | Croninger |
| Sonya Washington II | Grade 9 | Honorable Mention | Go Green!! | Snider |
| Nicholas Westerhausen | Grade 11 | Third Place | Sprouts | Leo |

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| Daniel Brooks | Grade 10 | Third Place | Emotion Poem | North Side |
| Bethany Zeckzer | Grade 3 | Honorable Mention | Our Earth | Central Lutheran |
| Tom Zehr | Grade 12 | Second Place | Green | Bishop Dwenger |
| Cassidy Zickmund | Grade 7 | First Place | Go Green | Leo |

Winners sorted by School

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| Adams | Grade 5 | Honorable Mention | Help Planet Earth | Veronica Chunn |
| Adams | Grade 5 | Second Place | Recycle!!! | Brittany Marquart |
| Bethlehem Lutheran | Grade 1 | Honorable Mention | Green Earth | Rod Custard |
| Bishop Dwenger | Grade 9 | First Place | The Last Tree | Jade Muncy |
| Bishop Dwenger | Grade 10 | Honorable Mention | Go Green! | Ashlyn Randall |
| Bishop Dwenger | Grade 11 | First Place | don't make Her miss Him | Nicole Dent |
| Bishop Dwenger | Grade 11 | Honorable Mention | Handful of Water | Jade Pressler |
| Bishop Dwenger | Grade 11 | Second Place | More than What is Seen | Katie DelBello |
| Bishop Dwenger | Grade 12 | Honorable Mention | Melting Planet | Alex Banister |
| Bishop Dwenger | Grade 12 | Second Place | Green | Tom Zehr |
| Bishop Luers | Grade 9 | Third Place | untitled | Veronica Frecker |
| Canterbury | Grade 3 | Honorable Mention | Why? | Emily Johnson |
| Canterbury | Grade 8 | Honorable Mention | Green Trees | Sarah Bellavance |
| Canterbury | Grade 8 | Honorable Mention | untitled | Al Stovall |
| Central Lutheran | Grade 3 | Honorable Mention | Our Earth | Bethany Zeckzer |
| Croninger | Grade 2 | Second Place | Save the Earth | Alexa Walters |
| Croninger | Grade 3 | Third Place | Be a Green Machine | Kelsey Matthias |
| Croninger | Grade 4 | First Place | Green Kids | Avery Volz |
| Elmhurst | Grade 10 | Second Place | I Am a Recycle bin | Leartry Jenkins |
| Elmhurst | Grade 12 | Third Place | Help Save the World | Amber Terry |
| Emmanuel-St. Michael | Grade 2 | Third Place | A Matter of My Heart | Ben Henschen |
| Emmanuel-St. Michael | Kindergarten | First Place | The Recycle Bin | Josh Henschen |
| Emmaus Lutheran | Kindergarten | Second Place | Take Care of the Earth | Carter Cumbey |
| Holy Cross Lutheran | Grade 1 | Third Place | Go Green | Brenden Mahoney |
| Holy Cross Lutheran | Grade 4 | Honorable Mention | Save the Planet | Morgan Moloney |
| Holy Cross Lutheran | Grade 4 | Third Place | Saving Energy | Taylor Barrette |
| Holy Cross Lutheran | Grade 5 | Honorable Mention | Go Green | Braydon Gass |
| Holy Cross Lutheran | Grade 7 | Second Place | Go Green!! | Ericka Ewell |

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| Homeschool | Grade 3 | First Place | A Gift Giver | Sophie Parrent |
| Homeschool | Kindergarten | Third Place | Recycling | Graham Stiver |
| Huntertown | Grade 1 | First Place | Clean Earth | Nate DeRose |
| Huntertown | Grade 1 | Second Place | Don't Throw Trash | Tim DeRose |
| Leo | Grade 10 | First Place | Snow | Nikki Fawcett |
| Leo | Grade 11 | Third Place | Sprouts | Nicholas Westerhausen |
| Leo | Grade 7 | First Place | Go Green | Cassidy Zickmund |
| Leo | Grade 7 | Honorable Mention | untitled | Nick Busse |
| Memorial Park | Grade 6 | First Place | Wonderful Sites Being Ruined | Michaela Mintch |
| Memorial Park | Grade 6 | Honorable Mention | The Great Trees | Emerald Guntle |
| Memorial Park | Grade 6 | Second Place | Go Green | Molly McCune |
| Memorial Park | Grade 8 | Second Place | Going Green | Lucinda Waldschmidt |
| Memorial Park | Grade 8 | Third Place | Go Green | Emily Barrand |
| North Side | Grade 10 | Third Place | Emotion Poem | Daniel Brooks |
| North Side | Grade 9 | Second Place | My Planet | Elineida Lucca |
| Oak View | Grade 2 | Honorable Mention | Go | Alexis Harper |
| Saint Joseph Hessen Cassel | Grade 4 | Second Place | Go Green | Hailey Collins |
| Snider | Grade 9 | Honorable Mention | Go Green!! | Sonya Washington II |
| St. Jude | Grade 5 | Third Place | The Three Rs | Gina Obergfell |
| St. Paul's Lutheran | Grade 6 | Third Place | Solution | Grace King |
| St. Paul's Lutheran | Grade 8 | First Place | Going Green | Stephan Gieschen |
| St. Paul's Lutheran | Grade 8 | Honorable Mention | The Clearing | Daniela Moeller |
| St. Paul's Lutheran | Grade 8 | Honorable Mention | The Oak | Abbey Faile |
| Sunnybrook | Grade 5 | First Place | Go Green | Andrew Danielson |
| Wayne | Grade 12 | First Place | Garden of Beginning | Justin Green |
| Weisser Park | Grade 2 | First Place | Recycle | Zoe Moore |
| Weisser Park | Grade 3 | Second Place | Healing the Earth | Sam Dick |

Kindergarten – 1st Place
Josh Henschen

Emmanuel-St. Michael

The Recycling Bin

Crawling up the recycling bin,
A spider looks in.
And what does he see?
Treasures collected by me!

Kindergarten – 2nd Place
Carter Cumbey

Emmaus Lutheran

Take Care of the Earth

Grow flowers, water them
Take out the weeds, take out the weeds
Recycle
Put it in the bins, put it in the trucks, take it away
Make something new
Earth is our home

Kindergarten – 3rd Place
Graham Stiver

Homeschool

Recycling

Recycle, recycle
I love to recycle
Recycling is great
It's just used again and again
We don't have to cut trees
It makes our world clean
And green!

First Grade – 1st Place
Nate DeRose

Huntertown

Clean Earth

No garbage on the ground
Take care of trees
Turn off the lights
Keep the earth clean!
please.

First Grade – 2nd Place
Tim DeRose

Huntertown

Don't Throw Trash

Hunt for cans on the ground,
Stomp on them for the crunching sound.

Pick up trash if you see it;
The forest will be cleaner by the minute.

Keep the water clean too
So people can swim
Don't throw anything out on a whim.

First Grade – 3rd Place
Brenden Mahoney

Holy Cross Lutheran

GO GREEN

Don't
Hurt the earth.
Please pick up the trash
Put the earth
First.

First Grade – Honorable Mention
Rod Custard

Bethlehem Lutheran

Green Earth

God wants you to keep
the Earth clean.
The Earth needs to be
healthy and clean.

Second Grade – 1st Place
Zoe Moore

Weisser Park

Recycle

Recycling is fun to do.
It's fun for me. It's fun for you!
Do not just throw away good things
Like boxes from the chicken wings.
Water bottles, jars and cans,
We are making GO GREEN plans!
Newspaper and safety pins,
These are not for your trash bins!
Recycling is fun for you.
It really is easy to do.

Second Grade – 2nd Place
Alexa Walters

Croninger

Save The Earth

Go Green!
That is my dream!
To save the trees
So we can breathe.

If we recycle,
To save the Earth,
New generations will give birth.

So please do your share
and show you care.
Go Green!

Second Grade – 3rd Place
Ben Henschen

Emmanuel St. Michael Lutheran

A Matter of My Heart

I like to ride my bicycle
To collect things to recycle.
Gathering a can
To give to the recycling man.
Finding some glass
Tossed into the grass
With all this litter,
I feel like getting bitter.
But no, I'll do my part.
It's a matter of my heart!
Off to the recycling site,
Let's make this planet right!

Second Grade – Honorable Mention
Alexis Harper

Oak View

GO

Guard our Earth
Recycle and reuse
Enjoy riding a bike
Efficient energy we use
Notice the beauty
and never abuse

Third Grade – 1st Place
Sophie Parrent

Homeschool

A Gift Giver

Grows you food
That you can eat
Apples and oranges
Are a good treat.

We share the air
And nice cool shade
And from the trunk
Is paper made

Builds a home
For squirrels and birds
and even people
“Thank you” would be good words

These are some gifts
To you, from me
How do I know?
I am the tree!

Third Grade-2nd Place
Sam Dick

Weisser Park

Healing the Earth

Plants blowing in the breeze,
litter surrounds the trees.
Smoke pollutes the air,
especially when the weather is fair.
The environment keeps us alive,
for a cleaner one we strive.
Recycling needs to be a part of our day,
do not just throw stuff away.
Global warming hurts our Earth,
so turn off the lights for what it's worth.
Let's do our best to put this to a stop
If we do, Earth will be back on top.

Third Grade-3rd Place
Kelsey A. Matthias

Croninger

Be a Green Machine

Be a lean, mean, recycling machine.

Stand up and be a man.
Drink up and recycle your can.

Collect and recycle all of your trash,
and as a bonus, get some cash.

When you shop, don't ask for plastic.
Bring your own bags, now that's fantastic.

Be real smart when you take a shower.
Make it short, not an hour.

Save our planet.
Make it clean.
Do your part and GO GREEN!

Third Grade-Honorable Mention
Emily Johnson

Canterbury

Why?

Who is doing this?
The people, of course.
Why are they doing it?
Because they don't care
about you.

What are they doing?
Trashing the Earth, of
course.

When are they doing it?
Every second, of course.
Where are they doing it?
Sadly Everywhere.

Third Grade-Honorable Mention
Bethany Zeckzer

Central Lutheran

Our Earth

Our grass is green and
Our leaves are green
Let's save our environment
And keep it clean.

If we clean our environment
The plants will grow
And our frogs and reptiles
Will stay on the go.

The trees will grow
And the flowers will bloom
And all the insects
Will have enough room.

The lily pads will float and the
Birds will sing
The moss will spread and the
Jungles vines will swing.

If we ride our bikes
Everywhere that we go
Our environment would be saved
From pollution and ozone.

We were given this earth
A place to live and grow
If we all go green
We will stay on the go.

Fourth Grade-1st Place
Avery Volz

Croninger

Green Kids

We might be small but there is a lot we can do
To keep the skies clear and the oceans blue
When you go to the park don't travel in a car
Ride your bike or walk instead, it's not that far
You should also not throw those empty pop cans in the trash
Instead recycle them for extra cash
And don't leave that trash in your neighborhood lying around
Help save our planet and pick it up off the ground
Saving energy will also help us win the fight
When you leave a room remember to turn off the light
Water is another resource we can not live without
So when brushing your teeth turn off the water spout
As you can see small things can make a difference too
To preserve our planet for me and you

Fourth Grade-2nd Place
Hailey Collins

Saint Joseph Hessen Cassel

Go Green

Plant a tree
you and me.
Recycle now
I'll show you how.
Make the Earth clean
and beautiful green.
Make enough room
for the flowers to bloom.
To grow more food
and I'm not being rude.

Go Green!!
(It's not mean)

Fourth Grade-3rd Place
Taylor Barrette

Holy Cross Lutheran

Saving Energy

Turn the heat down so you save some money,
Open the curtains so it will be sunny.
My parents tell me to turn out the light,
And save some energy like the night.
Staying green is what we seek,
Recycling paper every week.
Save water and don't use a lot,
Make sure it isn't too hot.
Going green is what we should do,
It will make the earth new.

Fourth Grade-Honorable Mention
Morgan Moloney

Holy Cross Lutheran

Save the Planet

When you're not using electrical machines,
Turn them off and you're going green.
Switch off the faucet when you're done,
It will be fast and save you a ton.
You can buy a reusable bag at the store,
Bring it back and use it some more.

When clean water goes down the drain,
We'll have really clean and pure rain.

Screw a fluorescent bulb in the socket,
You're saving energy so don't knock it.

Keeping the earth green is for our own good,
I think if we could we should.

Fifth Grade – 1st Place
Andrew Danielson

Sunnybrook

Go Green

The grass in Indiana,
Is green and fresh in spring.
It waves in the breezes,
And ripples in the wind.

I'd like to see the rivers,
Burble sparkling and clean,
And see the fish jumping,
A very pretty scene.

The morning air, so clean and sweet,
The morning dew under my feet.
The grass, river, and air so free,
That's the way God meant it to be.

Fifth Grade – 2nd Place
Brittany Marquart

Adams

RECYCLE!!!

Reuse
Earth's
Cans
You
Can
Live
Easier

Than before when you just threw your trash
Outside and left it

Behind you and walked away
Earth is
Cool and
Outstanding, so stop throwing your trash
Outside because you
Live here
Stop littering and start recycling!!!

Fifth Grade – 3rd Place
Gina Obergfell

St. Jude

The Three Rs

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
Go green, plant trees,
Car pool, ride a bike.
You can save the Earth.
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
Use less paper, cut down less trees.
If everyone helps out,
We can save the Earth

Fifth Grade – Honorable Mention
Braydon Gass

Holy Cross Lutheran

"Go Green"
Picking up
Throwing away
Recycling
Conserving energy
Wind mills and solar panels
Making the earth healthy!!!!

Fifth Grade – Honorable Mention
Veronica Chunn

Adams

Help Planet Earth

If a tree is lonely, give it a friend.
If trash is on the ground, help it up
If the earth does not want any more smelly gas,
then ride a bike
If the grass has a bald spot,
then give them some more grass friends

If the trash is saying HELP ME HELP ME
then go out and put it in the recycle bins
to safely use it again

Sixth Grade – 1st Place
Michaela Mintch

Memorial Park

Wonderful Sites Being Ruined

Swoosh, swoosh,
The cool breeze
Rushing water flows underneath your feet.
Insects, bugs, buzzing by.
Birds are chirping,
Squirrels are playing.
Daisies, roses, tulips, blooming.
These are the wonderful things.
Endangered species,
Glaciers melting,
Animals dying,
Daisies, roses, tulips dead.
Water gone where's the spring?
Those are the horrible things and there is,
Much, much, more.
Think of the wonderful things you are ruining,
By not going green.

Sixth Grade – 2nd Place
Molly H. McCune

Memorial Park

Go Green

When you go green
You save the earth
From being polluted
You can easily go green
By recycling, reusing, and reducing
It is just as simple as using
A florescent light bulb
Recycling cans and card board
We use for taking a shower
Or brushing your teeth
So next time you go to take a shower
Or drink some pop remember to recycle, reuse and reduce
So lets go green

Sixth Grade – 3rd Place
Grace King

St. Paul's Lutheran

Solution

I am blue.
I am green.
These are colors of the world.
Water and land.
I have been clean until now.
I will be gone if you...
Don't take care of me.
Please get a
Solution for
Pollution.

The Great Trees

Trees sway
to and fro
this way
and that.
The air
smells like
a crisp apple
in the fall.
The world
around me
is beautiful,
as I lay on
my back
watching
the clouds
change.
Suddenly,
the air
becomes
really bad
smelling.
The clouds
turn as dark
as a black cat
in the night.
There's also
a very loud
noise coming
from behind me.
I turn and see
something that
surprises and
saddens me.
Chop CHOP...
CRASH! A tree
falls to the ground.
The sad part about
it is, that tree
could've been
an animals home.
Why would anyone
want to chop down
the green trees?
I thought.
I should stop it,
but how?

Go Green

Everywhere I look,
Everywhere I see,
Goin' green this,
Goin' green that,
But what does it mean?

Save our Earth,
Save our world,
Everything we all live for.

It's not just about you,
Or just about me,
This is for eternity.

We're all caught up in
What to do,
What to be;
And she bleeds.

Mother Earth is home to you
And to me.
So why don't you see?!
She's here for us,
And I'm here for her.

Are you?

Everywhere I look,
Everywhere I see,
We are green this,
We are green that,
And I know what it means.

Go Green!

I think everybody should start to go green
It's an easy and fun way to make this earth clean
It isn't so hard to do a good deed
So we should step up and plant a seed
To save some gas we could ride a bike
Or we could get up and go on a hike
We waste so much plastic just to get a drink
When we could simply get tap water from the sink
Why do we need to use so much artificial light?
When the sun in the sky can be just as bright
So why is it so hard for us to catch on?
Let's do something now before our earth is gone.

Seventh Grade – 3rd Place
Will Jettinghoff

Holy Cross Lutheran

GO GREEN HAIKU

She cries in the night
Mother nature cries for earth
Her earth is broken

Seventh Grade – Honorable Mention
Nick Busse

Leo

If you don't go green
the world won't be clean
If we don't act fast,
the world won't last.
We need to work together,
to make the world better.
Have a heart,
take a part.
Recycle your cans,
be part of the plan.
Reduce, reuse,
its up to you to choose.

Eighth Grade-1st Place
Stephan Gieschen

St. Paul's Lutheran

Going Green

The winds have changed
The time has come
To reverse the things
That man has done
The earth cries out,
Its message clear
"Stop the abuse!
My end is near!"

Step by Step
We make a change
Our priorities
Must rearrange

Reduce, reuse, and recycle

Please!

The planet welcomes

Each of these

To restore its health,

To keep it clean

To save the earth

We must go green

Eighth Grade-2nd Place
Lucinda Brennan Waldschmidt

Memorial Park

Going Green

The wind is her lungs
which we have damaged
The summer rains are her tears
we have made her shed
The stones are her bones
on which she lets us step
The trees are her hands
that are gentle and give us life
And the animals are her eyes
with which she watches

Life, life, life...

We're put on this earth to protect and to love
To get along with all things below and above
Why do we hurt and curse at our mother
We should only be kind to her and one another
We pollute her lungs and cut down the trees
Her hands are all scarred; she can barely breathe
The animals are going extinct I say
Her eye sight is leaving her day after day
Wipe off her sad tears and make them joy
By planting more trees and crops like soy

Help save all animals and the habitats they live in
Don't waste so much energy and give off pollution
We can join hands and make it through this
Bringing peace to this earth for that is our purpose.

Eighth Grade-3rd Place
Emily Barrand

Memorial Park

Go Green

Imagine a world where the air is clean.
The sky is clear and the grass is green.
The roads are bare, the cars aren't out
The people walk, and never pout.

This dream could come true if we all pitch in
This is a battle that we could win.
Just try your hardest to save the Earth
You might not know how much it's worth.

Try recycling things; don't throw them away
Conserve your water every day.
Drive to work less; walk there more
Doing small things is not a chore!

If everyone would help just a bit
It would all add up and we could quit
worrying for our childrens' sake
A better world is what we would make.

Eighth Grade-Honorable Mention
Sarah Bellavance

Canterbury

Green Trees

Some like blue trees
Some like pink
Some like purple trees
Maybe... I think?
Some like grey trees
As weird as it seems
But all like green trees
At least in our dreams

The Clearing

The trees whisper in the wind
as the river gurgles past
with brightly-colored pebbles
showing through the crystal clear water.
The flowers smile radiantly in the sun.
A fox slips silently through the tall grass
and pauses at the river
to lap up some sweet cool water.
It sniffs the air—untouched by pollution.
Quickly the fox runs away
as a herd of deer runs by
startled by someone
hiking through the woods.
Finally the clearing is silent and empty
The crickets begin to chirp
and geese honk overhead
as the golden sun sets.

The Oak

The leaf-bare oak whispered
As the powerful gust
Of wind rustled
The branches of leaves.
“Awaken, from your slumber,”
Said the mighty oak
To the other trees in hibernation.
They awoke with a groan as they

Stretched from the long winter
Of the eminent forest.
Upon the other trees, both young and old,
Grew back upon them, leaves of gold,
As the coyote let up a howl.
As the bullfrog gave a croak.
They bowed before the almighty oak.

Eighth Grade-Honorable Mention
Al Stovall

Canterbury

Our relationship with oil
Is much more than a friendly correlation
Between user and used
It is rather an addiction
A craving that clouds the senses
Rendering us oblivious
To the suffering
Of our great planet
One that nurtured us
And was good to us since we were young
And as there is a cure for every disease
There is a therapy for every addiction
Now as a whole
The world needs to **GO GREEN**
And save this earth while we can
For who would destroy a world
In which they know
That their children and grandchildren
Would have to repair?

Ninth Grade-1st Place
Jade Muncy

Bishop Dwenger

The Last Tree

Never before
have I been alone.
I look out at the empty wasteland,
Where my brethren once stood,
Where the animals once roamed.
Where now the flowing wind
Whips with her merciless torrent
She is angry
Without the lush canopy
To play in.

I'd like to say this was the cemetery
Of my brothers.
But alas,
They have been kidnapped
I cry my silent cry for them.
My brethren who watched over me
Since I was a seedling.
Protecting me
As I grew.
We watched the centuries go by,
Time dancing around our aging trunks,
Building us stronger
As it passed.

But now all has gone.
They are but a memory.
Destroyed without a thought.
And soon,
It will be my turn.

The wind mistress returns to me.
But now her chill
Is comforting.
Goodbye wind,
I always thought you were beautiful.
A heavy machine
Laden with sharp edges and
Pointed corners
Comes nearer
And nearer.

Now that the end is so close,
I think;
Humans.
I worked for centuries
To provide them with oxygen
So they could live.
We all did.
Now they kill us
With their sharp machines,
And brutish greed.
And most definitely,
I would give
Anything in the world,
For all of humanity to
GO GREEN.

My Planet

My Planet is so big
And how I miss it.
Its great blue sky
Its great light shine.

My planet's ocean is so
wide and how I miss
the ocean being so bright
with clear crystal shine.

My planet's plants
are so full of life.
But how I miss
seeing them so green
and full of shine like
The dandelions that
Fly so high

My planet which
I love so much
I miss your warm
breezes and cold
winters I miss
your beautiful sun
light and your crystal
clear water.

When you take in a breath,
You breathe in fresh air.
But how can you do that,
If it is not there?

In the summer when it's hot,
You seek out a tree.
But soon it may be gone,
You ask, "How can this be?"

I'll tell you this now,
Because later is too late.
What if all the beauty of nature,
Started to abate?

What if the leaves never fell,
And snow was not white?
What if flowers never bloomed?
Wouldn't that be a fright?

You say, "That is crazy!"
"Who would ruin the seasons?"
The answer is human,
For one simple reason.

We are ruining the earth
Out of our unyielding greed.
We always want something better.
But we should only take what we need.

We tear up the earth,
And cut down most trees
You ask, "Can't we stop this?"
"Can't we end it, oh please?!"

The answer is yes.
You can do your share.
Just take what is yours,
And give the earth better care.

Just turn off the lights,
And plant a new tree.
You may be surprised,
How easy it can be.

So I ask you this now,
And tell every friend,
That if you do your part,
We'll all win in the end.

Go Green!

Green is the color of the earth.
This color gave birth.
2 trees, 2 leaves
And everything in between.
The grass is green.
Because the blades
Tickle your skin
Fulfill your needs.
Go green
Is the theme of the day.
Think of the environment when you walk by and play.
Green is the color of my heart.
Recycling trash
Inspires me to start
Thinking about saving the earth.
Just don't let the earth die.
Protect it anyway you can.
The grass is a blessing.
If it's not protected
There's no way to save the earth.
From grass, trees the green gave birth.

Snow

I watch the snow fall lightly on the ground
Twirling and swirling out of the gray sky
It slowly forms a great big heaping mound
I'm watching it go spinning by and by

How can something so fragile, wet, and white
Become a blanket that emanates cold?
It falls down silently in the dark night
Creating shades of white that are so bold

It seems like stars are falling from above
The strings that bound them to the sky are gone
The earth is now their true and only love
They turn to snowflakes at the coming dawn

The snow comes with the hidden wind that blows
When morning comes the world is coldly froze.

I Am a Recycle Bin

I wonder why people abuse me.
I hear things fall from above me.
I see things fall into me.
I want people to use me more often.
I am a recycle bin.

I pretend not to pay attention to people.
I feel the grass from underneath me.
I touch the ground.
I worry about what will happen in the future.
I cry when I feel and see myself burn.
I am a recycle bin.

I'm understanding why this is happening.
I say to myself why, why, why?
I dream one day it will all change.
I try to help others not pollute.
I hope to bring pollution away.
I am a recycle bin.

Emotion Poem

If the blue ocean were a different color
It would be yellow
As yellow as a sun brings a sunny day
If water were a taste
It would be just like oranges
If yellow were feelings
It would be sunflowers as a tree
If water were a smell
It would be as cool as a fountain
If water were a sound
It would be calm and peaceful

Go Green!

Go Green!
Don't throw everything in the trash,
Instead recycle!
Next time you go for a Sunday drive
Try riding your bicycle!

Go Green!
Don't waste valuable resources,
Like paper and (especially) the air;
Mother Earth needs us as much as we need her,
Lets show her that we care!

Go Green!
Plant a tree.
Make a difference.
Give thanks to the environment.

By killing our planet
We are committing suicide.
Without these resources,
Human life cannot survive.

So if you don't believe
Our planet deserves your help
At least...
Go Green!
To save *yourself*.

don't make Her miss Him

Today
asks not for lavish gifts.
She cares little for jewels
or opulent abodes. keep them.

Today
asks only for Tomorrow
dearest, unruly and unpredictable
don't make Her miss Him.

don't make Her miss
His replenishing, fresh downpours, soaking
the refuge tree where Today sits
under, watching the new children bloom.

don't make Her miss
His blazing, blistering rays, beating
down on the giddy, giggling waves
welcoming Today into their arms.

don't make Her miss
His many changing colors, aweing
as She sails by. The crisp breeze
coaxing Today along

don't make Her miss
His spiteful, icy winds, robbing
Today of her warmth
replaced with waves of nostalgia

Today is solid, set in stone
always here and
always there. dependable.
infinite.

Tomorrow is flimsy, never confident
maybe here and
sometimes there. questionable.
indefinite.

She cherishes him
He depends on Her
She relying on us
we cannot let Her down
don't make Her miss Him

Eleventh Grade-2nd Place
Katie DelBello

Bishop Dwenger

More than What is Seen

Autumn.

A fire-cracking rainbow of hues

Discerning

A warm wonder of family,

And the captivating beauty

Of nature.

Trees whistling

Melodically

In perfect harmony

With the low cooing of the still effervescent birds,

Who desperately await

The formation of that "V" in the sky.

Dark nights, accompanied by the ever illuminated

Shining specks of aesthetic glee,

Placate the peace and inviting stillness as the world

Says good night.

Welcoming, out-spread arms of
Golden radiance greets a
New day,
A new twenty-four hours
To live,
Where mistakes can be fixed, and
Memories established,
And the perfect panorama of creation may shine
Once more.
Why anyone would ever disrupt such a
Grandeur of elegance,
Is pure selfishness and
Criminal.
The world is a keepsake of
All that is good,
All that is bad,
All that is beautiful,
And of all that is mysteriously questionable,
And no one,
No greatest amount of authority
Or smallest,
Ever acquires the right
To destroy it.

Eleventh Grade-3rd Place
Nicholas Westerhausen

Leo

“Sprouts”

Sprouts
appear.
His leaves grow.
Slowly does He gain
green to contrast the sky’s blue.
Against the world He holds his strong arms above.

His leaves grow full and vibrant,
providing shade for each one
who so chooses to shelter
beneath his sprawling umbrage.
Lazy summer days turn night.

Green to red to yellow to brown. Slowly now they fall.
Once in His grand arms above,
they fall away and spread
His life, no
longer
sprouts.

Eleventh Grade-Honorable Mention
Jade Pressler

Bishop Dwenger

Handful of Water

Earth is like a handful of water,
if you open your fingers
the water will slip out,
but if you keep your fingers close together,
the water will stay in your hands.

Earth and Life are precious gifts,
gifts that should be preserved for all to see.
As long as there is one person,
one person to marvel
at the beauty God created,
then there is a chance,
one chance to preserve that beauty.

Don't widen your fingers.
Don't let beauty and nature fall to never be seen again.
Keep your fingers close,
and cradle Life,
like a newborn infant.

Twelfth Grade-1st Place
Justin M. Green

Wayne

Garden of Beginning

It all began with a seed of life and as time passed, it grew into a beautiful garden.
We can no longer see the Garden of Beginning or thank it for giving us life.
For the Garden of Beginning disappeared from our world after its gifts were given.
Some believe the garden never was and life began by a passing of time.
While others search for the garden in order to obtain its gift of giving life to us all.
When all that needs to be done is stop taking away from the world.
And plant new seeds of our own.
Then after the passing of time, the world will once again flow with green life again.

Green

Green... happiness, peace, serenity...
color of earth, color of life, color of nature...
green symbolizes simplicity, simplicity in nature,

Green...a vision of simplicity, of nature, of peace...
reminds us of a time of purity and happiness...
before the world was full of only people and simple houses...
only filled with the perfect, clean place originally created by Mother Nature.

We may have already doomed our generation to the hell that will come...
we may not be able to fix our current crisis on our planet...

If only we could return to that era...
return to a time with pure simplicity of mind and soul...
If only, If only.....

Help save the world

Can anyone save the world?

Does anyone have a cure for this world?

This world needs help. A lot of people are dying and crying so loud and where is the
crowd to help them?

Please help save the world.

Our world isn't clean and there's so much pollution

Let's do our part

to be Earth smart

let's show that we care
about this world we share

Help save the world.

Let's clean up our forests,
our rivers, our lakes;

let's clean up our world...

do whatever it takes. I want to live in a clean and peaceful environment. So please
help save the world.

Melting Planet

as O₂ pours out of engines
the air thickens and raises up just to get caught in
the atmosphere
again
and again
although none of us care
if we could do our best
to "Go Green"
the polar bears would not be drowning
and the ecosystem would not be thirsty
for clean air
help Mother Earth!

c'mon kids;
go green or
go home

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