



Oro Loma/ Waste Management Earth Day 2011 Poster Contest

Over 2,700 students from 32 schools submitted entries in the 17th annual Oro Loma/Waste Management Earth Day 2011 Poster Contest. The contest was open to all Oro Loma Sanitary District students in grades K-12 attending a school that is serviced by Waste Management. The theme of this year's contest, "Imagine... Recycling 2050," asked students to show what recycling might be like in 40 years.

Prize categories in the contest were expanded this year to include a Recycling Star Kindergarten group. Five students in this group won \$100 each. Also, for the first time, Certificate of Merit winners were awarded \$25. Ten Certificate of Merit winners in each of six 1-12 grade groups were awarded this prize.

Cash prizes of \$700 for First Place, \$500 for Second Place, \$300 for Third Place, and \$150 for Honorable Mention (two) were awarded in six grade groups from first to twelfth grades. The winning students' schools received matching cash prizes and those schools that submitted eligible entries but had no cash winners were mailed \$100 Participation Awards.

Students who won a First, Second, Third Place or Honorable Mention award found out they were winners on Earth Day, April 22, but it wasn't until the awards ceremony on May 24 that they learned which prize they won.

Prizes totaling \$11,300 were presented for First, Second, Third, Honorable Mention, and Recycling Stars. An equal \$11,300 was given to the students' schools. Ten \$25 Certificates of Merit in each of the six grade categories were awarded,



Helpful Notes

- 1. Residential Food Scraps Recycling Program**
Oro Loma Sanitary District residents can recycle all food products, including meat and bone, coffee grounds and tea bags, food-soiled paper such as pizza boxes, paper towels, paper plates, paper napkins, and waxed paper containers such as milk cartons and paper cups in their green waste cart.
- 2. Unpleasant green cart odors?**
Prop the cart lid open 4-5 inches, so water evaporates, while the heat inside initiates the composting process and breaks down the contents of the cart.
- 3. The only cardboard that belongs in the green waste cart is food-soiled cardboard.** All other cardboard goes into the recycling cart. If you need a larger green waste or recycling cart, call Waste Management at (510) 613-8710. There is no charge for a larger green waste or recycling cart.
- 4. Recycling just got more rewarding in Oro Loma.** From April through June 2011, StopWaste.Org will give District residents a chance to win prizes for keeping their trash free of recyclables and compostables. For more information about recycling, the contest, and how to win, visit www.ReadySetRecycleContest.Org.

totaling \$1,500. Schools that submitted eligible posters but had no winners, were each given \$100 Participation Awards, for an additional \$1,800. In all, \$25,900 was awarded to students and schools in the Oro Loma Sanitary District!

Bohannon Middle School (\$2,300), Redwood Christian School (\$1,400), and San Lorenzo High School (\$1,100) were the top three winning schools.

A complete list of winning students and prizes is available online at www.roloma.org. Recycling Star, First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention posters, which will appear in a 2011-2012 Oro Loma calendar, are also posted on the District's website.

First, Second, Third Place, Honorable Mention, and Recycling Star Award winners were honored at a ceremony in the Titan Auditorium of the Marina Community Center in San Leandro on Tuesday, May 24.



Oro Loma 100th Anniversary

On August 7, 2011 Oro Loma will celebrate its 100th anniversary, making it one of the oldest sanitary districts in California. Look for a special issue of the Oro Loma News at the beginning of August. The newsletter will highlight some of the District's many accomplishments.

Also in August, the District will offer free tours of the treatment plant every Wednesday. Reservations are required and must be made by the Friday before the requested date. Call (510) 276-4700 during regular business hours, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, to reserve your spot on the tour.