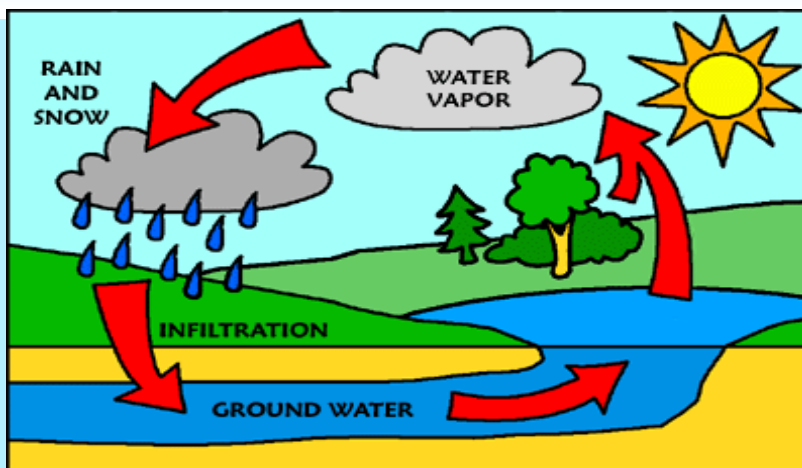


“Water.....The Cycle of Life” POSTER Contest

The Orange Soil and
Water Conservation
District
presents....



The 3rd–6th
Grade
POSTER
Contest!

Show off YOUR artistic & creative skills by
participating in the

“Water.....The Cycle of Life” Contest

Why participate in this contest? Soil and Water are two of our most precious natural resources. Without healthy and clean water, we would not be able to sustain life!

The water cycle describes the never ending journey of water as rains on land, flows to the sea and then returns to the clouds through evaporation. Your students will learn more about evaporation, infiltration, runoff and precipitation.

Where does the water go when it rains? The different types of ground surface will control how the water flows on the ground (i.e.: pavement, grass or forests?). Your students can learn the answers to these questions and many others as they investigate The Water Cycle and it's importance to each and every one of us.

I hope that you and your students will participate in this year's Orange Soil and Water Conservation Public Speaking Contest !!

Contest is open to all Orange County public schools, private schools & homeschool students.

The “Water...The Cycle of Life!” for Life!” contest theme can be incorporated or used to enhance NCDPA Standard Course of Study, Essential Standards for Science for each grade level in the unit:

3rd Grade: 3.P.2.2/3.E.2
Matter: Properties & Change

5th Grade: 5.P.2— Matter:
Properties and Change

6th Grade: EEn.2.3—
Earth & Environmental
Science

CASH PRIZES!!!!

1st Place: \$35 2nd Place: \$30 3rd Place: \$25

TO ENTER? Contact Lisa Pope at (919) 245.2750 or email her at lpope@orangecountync.gov. You will receive a “Helpful Tips” and Poster Pointers handout will be provided to participants upon request.

Contest entries are
due by Wednesday,

February 14th!

THEME—“Water.....the Cycle of Life!”

All entries should reflect the theme’s content and should represent what the student feels best describes this topic. Be original in your artwork & design. No copyrighting please! Copyright is a protection by U.S. laws for authors & creators of original work. A copyright protects the particular manner of expression of ideas but not the ideas themselves. Example: You can make a poster using cartoon characters that talk about watersheds in a comic-strip fashion IF the ideas are YOURS; the main idea cannot be copyrighted. If classmates recognize your cartoon characters as popular characters, then your work is copyrighted from the original artists. Use YOUR imagination because YOUR ideas are the best! Judges are looking for entries that best describes the message to an audience while being original & creative.

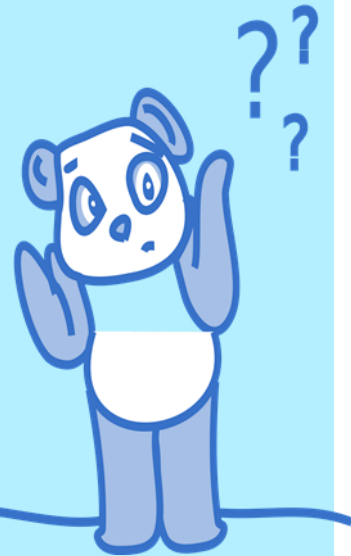
JUDGING Criteria ~ Students will be judges on:

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| • Conservation Message | 50% | Visual Effectiveness | 30% |
| • Universal Appeal | 10% | Originality | 10% |

OFFICIAL Rules: Students must work on posters INDIVIDUALLY, not as pairs or teams. All entries must be NO larger than 24 X 36 inches. Entries must have proper labeling and identification attached to poster (see below). Each poster should depict the student’s own idea(s) reflecting the theme. Students may not use photographs, 3-D artwork, computer generated images, magazine and newspaper clippings or glitter. Scrapbook material is not allowed. Posters MUST be the original work of the individual.

Poster IDEAS ??? Ideas can include, but not limited to:

- Why is water so important for life?
- Water Quality
- How does water affect the Planet’s Ecosystems?
- Interaction of Soil and the Water Cycle
- Water Cycle Process.....Learn the 4 main stages in the water cycle: evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection



LABELING YOUR POSTER: Posters MUST be identified on the back of poster by using the below format:

✂ Student’s Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student’s Address: _____

Teacher/Educator’s Name: _____

School/Organization in ORANGE COUNTY:

ENTRY DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 14th!!!