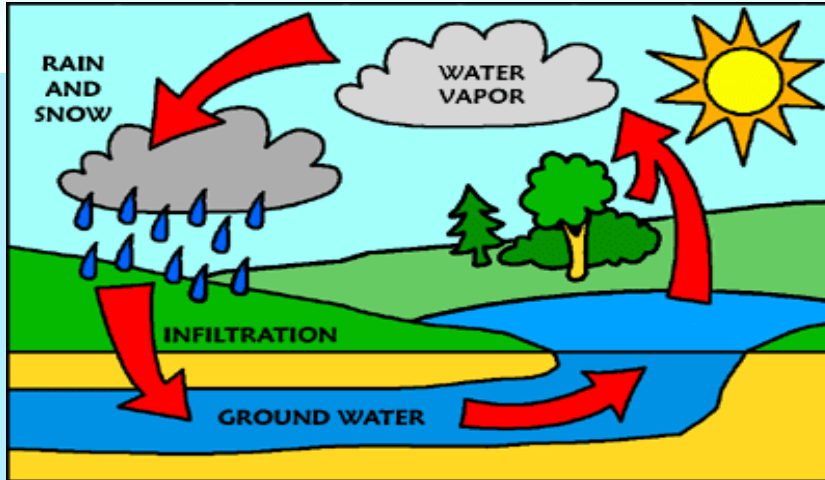


January 2, 2018

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

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



the 6th
Grade
ESSAY
Contest!

Show off YOUR creativity 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!” 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:

**6th Grade: EEn.2.3
Earth/Environmental
Science**

Cash Prizes!!

1st Place: \$40 2nd Place: \$35 3rd Place: \$30

Entries may be submitted electronically. You may mail them to Orange SWCD, P.O. Box 8181, Hillsborough or drop them off at Orange Soil and Water Conservation District office located at 306 Revere Rd., Suite D, Hillsborough.

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 work. **Remember...this is an essay and NOT a boring book report!** Your essay should be filled with interesting facts that tells a story. 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. 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. **We are looking for creative interpretations of the theme "Water.....the Cycle of Life".**

OFFICIAL Rules:

Essays **MUST** Bear the current title of essay contest: ‘Water....the Cycle of Life!’.

Essay is limited to 300-500 words. Essays must be presented on standard 8 1/2 X 11” paper. They may be hand written or typed (Double Spaced) on the computer. Acceptable file format is MS Word and Adobe PDF. Students must work on essays **INDIVIDUALLY**, not as pairs or teams. Essays **MUST** be the original work of the individual. All words will be counted to reach the limit. Use of photographs, 3-D artwork, computer generated images & other graphics are prohibited. **All electronic entries MUST have a second page that includes:** Students name, grade, school, phone number, teacher’s name and adult contact information.

Entries are due by Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Essays will not be returned. Entries will only be judged if they abide by the official contest rules.

Questions? Please contact Lisa Pope at (919) 245.2750 or email her at lpope@orangecountync.gov

ESSAY 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,



IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION: Attach this info to the back of Essay

Student’s Name: _____ Grade: 6TH

Student’s Address: _____

Teacher or Educator’s Name and
School: _____