

February 6-10 is National Green Week. The Southgate PTA's Go Green Team invite all students to participate in a Go Green Poster Contest to raise awareness about the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling!

All posters are due by Thursday, February 9th

Students will design their poster around one of the following themes:

- **New York Recycles!**
- **Composting....Don't Just Leaf it Up to Nature!**
- **Return Deposit Cans & Bottles: It Makes Cents!**
- **Recycling on the GO!**
- **Recycle at School! It's a Great Rule!**
- **How Long Does Litter Last?**

Poster Requirements:

Posters must be the student's original artwork. Copyrighted characters or copyrighted clip art will not be accepted.

Materials:

Students may use a variety of media, such as watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, chalk, markers, etc. Brighter colors, however, reproduce better for the calendar, light pencil marks will not show up. Students are encouraged to incorporate recycled or recyclable materials** into their creations. Keep in mind most posters will likely be on public display, and should be easy to see or read.

**Note: If students are incorporating recyclables into their artwork, depth is restricted to half an inch.

Size & Layout:

Landscape Layout only!!

Minimum: 8 ½" x 11"

Maximum: 18" x 24"

Judging Procedure:

There will be two groups; Kindergarten through 3rd grade and 4th through 6th grade. A winner from each group will be chosen by a panel of judges that will include faculty and staff, so there will be one winner from the K-3 grade group and one winner from the 4-6 grade group. Twelve additional posters will be selected and added to the two winning

posters to be entered into the DEC statewide contest. Winners will be announced Friday afternoon, February 10th and submitted to the DEC for state-wide judging. Copies of the winning posters will be displayed in the school lobby, February 13-17. DEC will conduct state-wide judging May 30th-31st. Students will be notified by June 4th if they are a winner. The first, second and third place winners in each grade category will receive a "Certificate of Accomplishment" from the NYSDEC Commissioner. In addition, each student will be awarded a prize, and receive the honor of having their artwork replicated into a poster calendar. The winners' schools will also receive recycling educational curricula.

Judging Criteria:

1. Clear message conveyed by the text and artwork
2. The poster theme listed above is addressed
3. Creativity, originality and artistic quality
4. Visual clarity - easily read
5. Bright and colorful

For additional information and poster ideas visit www.dec.ny.gov (click on education)

During National Green Week students are encouraged to bring in waste-free snacks, lunch and drinks in reusable snack and drink containers. Please remember that all Frito-Lay chip bags are considered recyclable at our school. The Go Green Team also continues to collect empty tape dispensers and cores, glue sticks, inkjets, laser toner cartridges, cell phones, PDAs and iPods for recycling. Money received from all recycling efforts goes directly to the PTA to support PTA programming. Recycling bins for these items are located in the school cafeteria.

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