



2009 First Place High School Winner,
Joshua Kim, 12th grade,
West High School, Torrance



Water is Life

Student Art Contest

...for 3rd-12th grade students

Sponsored by West Basin Municipal Water District
Co-sponsored by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

First Place wins a new MacBook laptop computer!

Looking for a fun, simple way to help your students learn about water?

Participate in West Basin Municipal Water District's Student Art Contest and celebrate May 2010 as Water Awareness Month!

This project will inspire your students to learn about conserving our precious water resources while thinking of creative ways to promote the contest theme, "**Water is Life.**" Students may visit our web site at www.westbasin.org for additional water related information and see last year's art entries.

Entries will be accepted in various media including crayons, markers, pencils, paint, pastels, cut paper, and fabric. Sorry...photography and computer generated artwork is not permitted.

First place prizes will be awarded in elementary, middle and high school categories.

Please complete the attached entry form and affix it to the back of each submitted entry. Parents/guardians must sign the "Student Artwork Rights/Approval" section for each submission. Each artwork submission must identify a teacher sponsor who must submit the artwork to West Basin.

Send Artwork To: West Basin Municipal Water District
ATTN: Darryl Ramos-Young
17140 S. Avalon Blvd., Suite 210
Carson, CA 90746-1296

Deadline for entries is Friday, March 19, 2009.

For further information, contact Darryl Ramos-Young at (310) 660-6216 or darrylr@westbasin.org.

2010 Water Is Life Student Art Contest

The rules listed below apply to all entries. In fairness to all, these rules are important and must be followed in order for the artwork to be considered as a winner.

Water is Life CONTEST RULES:

1. Contest is open to students currently in grades 3-12, attending a school located in **one of the five West Basin service divisions** (see attached map and division boundaries and school list). Artwork from students outside of the West Basin service area will not be accepted.
2. Artwork must be sent in a flat, sturdy box or package **(NO TUBES...and please do not fold artwork)**.
3. Each submitted entry to West Basin Municipal Water District **MUST** have a completed and signed entry form attached to the back of the artwork.
4. The **DEADLINE** for submitting artwork is **March 19, 2010**.

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5. Art must be submitted on **12" X 18" WHITE** poster board or **WHITE** drawing paper, with a **one-inch white or blank border left on all four sides of the art, resulting in a final illustrated surface area of 10" X 16"**. (Oversized and undersized artwork, as well as artwork without a one-inch border, will not be accepted)
6. Artwork must be drawn **horizontally**. (Vertical artwork will not be accepted)
7. Artwork should depict various water uses and/or wise water use...
 - a. inside or outside of the home or school
 - b. in industries or businesses
 - c. in the environment
 - d. in agriculture
 - e. in recreation
8. "Water Is Life" is the theme. A "short" water awareness or water conservation phrase must be written on the artwork (but not necessarily *water is life*). The less words written, the better. Keep it simple.

9. Words must be spelled correctly. Please check spelling and punctuation. Incorrect grammar or spelling will not be accepted.
10. BOLD, BRIGHT, BRILLIANT colors show up the best! Students may use the following art media: crayons, markers, pencils, paints, watercolors, chalks, cut paper or fabric.
11. Artwork must be **ORIGINAL** (no traced, trademarked, or copyrighted characters and slogans, i.e. Mickey Mouse, Sponge Bob, etc.) Also, no copycat ideas of artwork from past years.
12. A short poem about the illustrated water awareness or water conservation topic may be written by the artist and recorded on the submitted entry form, or on an additional 8 ½ "x 11" sheet attached to the back of the artwork. Written submissions will be evaluated as part of the judging process. Poems are encouraged, but not required for student submissions.

Visit the following web pages for additional poetry resources...

Different types of poetry for kids:

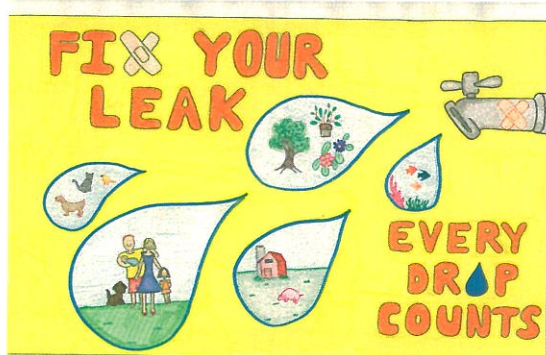
www.kathimitchell.com/poemtypes.html

Winning water related student poetry from The River of Words program:

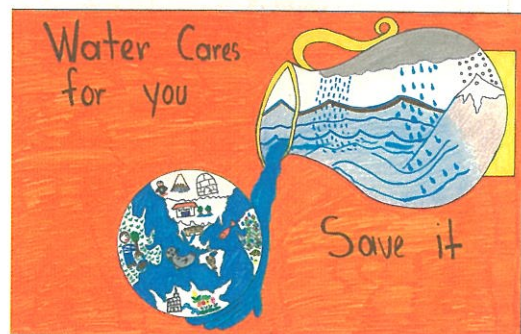
<http://www.riverofwords.org/poetry/index.html>

13. Artwork and poems must be truly the hands-on work of the student...and realistically represent the age, grade and developmental skill level of the student.

Thank you for your participation in the contest and your cooperation with regard to these contest rules. We are looking forward to receiving all of your fantastic art! If you have any questions, contact Darryl Ramos-Young at (310) 660-6216 or at darrylr@westbasin.org.



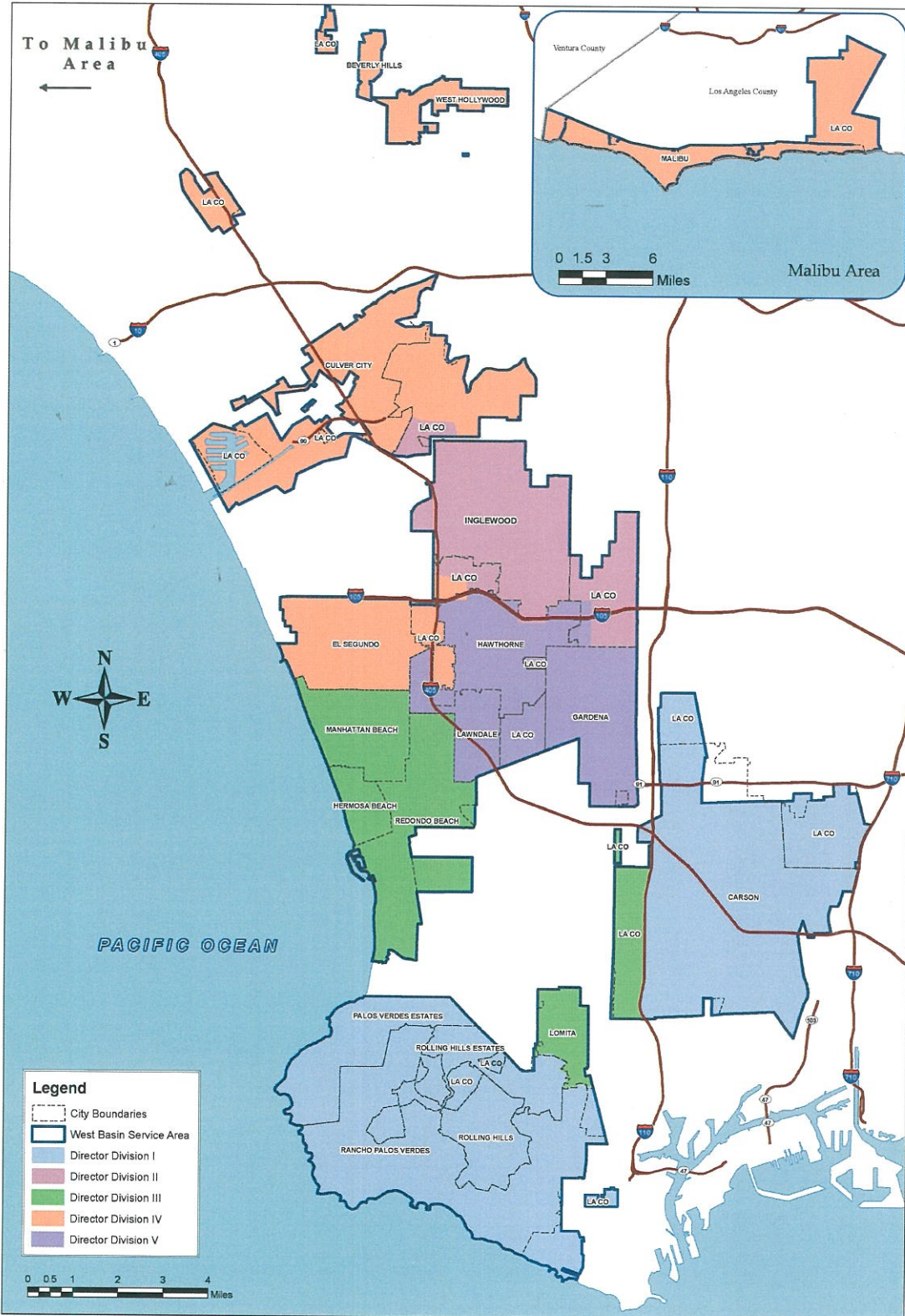
2009 First Place Middle School Winner
Matthew Son, 7th grade,
Parras Middle School, Redondo Beach



2008 First Place Elementary School Winner
Enrique Montelongo, 5th grade
Highland Elementary School, Inglewood



West Basin Municipal Water District Director Divisions



Service Area Divisions

Division I:

- Carson
- Palos Verdes Estates
- Rancho Palos Verdes
- Rolling Hills
- Rolling Hills Estates
- San Pedro

Division II:

- Inglewood
- Lennox,
- Athens
- Howard
- Ross-Sexton

Division III:

- Hermosa Beach
- Lomita
- Manhattan Beach
- Redondo Beach
- Torrance

Division IV:

- Culver City
- El Segundo
- Malibu
- West Hollywood
- Lennox
- North Ladera Heights
- Del Aire
- Topanga
- View Park
- Windsor Hills

Division V:

- Gardena
- Hawthorne
- Lawndale
- El Camino Village

For further information regarding school or student eligibility, please call (310) 660-6216 or email darrylr@westbasin.org with your school name and address.

Water is Life Entry Form

Teachers: Please attach one, parent-signed entry form to the back of each submitted artwork.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

School Name: _____ Teacher Name: _____

School Phone: _____ Teacher e-mail: _____

Student poem on water awareness or water conservation:

STUDENT ARTWORK RIGHTS/APPROVAL

All submissions become the property of West Basin Municipal Water District (WBMWD) and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and may or may not be returned. WBMWD and MWD has the right to use any submitted artwork and writings for promotional and educational use, including but not limited to display of the original or copies of a poster at exhibit events and reproduction of copies on promotional items as t-shirts, postcards, web site, calendars and book covers.

By signing this form, I agree to the terms and conditions above:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____