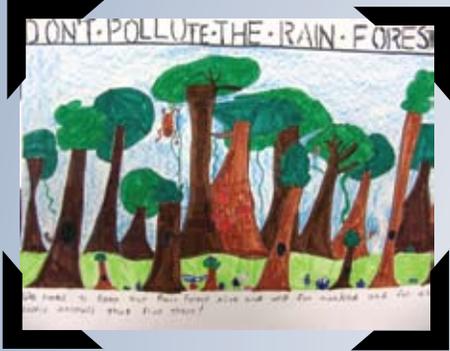


Honors

All entries will be judged by EPA staff. Judges look for entries that show:

- A clear environmental message—in particular a solution to the environmental problem the children select
- Creative/innovative ideas
- Outstanding art or literary work for the student's grade level



Outstanding submissions will be notified by mail in late February or early March. Ceremonies honoring outstanding entries will be held in New England for the 2009 Earth Artists Program. Certificates will be presented at the ceremony. Participation certificates will be honored to each class that enters the program.



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The New England Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) presents the 37th annual Paul G. Keough Earth Artists Program for students in K-6. We hope you and your class will join other New England students and take this opportunity to participate in an environmental awareness project.

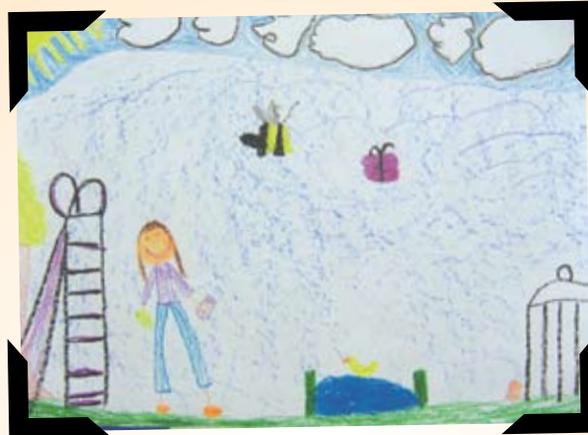
Do Your Students Have Great Ideas About Saving Energy and Reducing Pollution?

This year EPA would like participants to focus on how our environmental problems should be addressed. We ask that students create posters and poems suggesting actions that they and others can take to increase awareness and protect the environment. For example, what can we do to save energy? Whatever notion they use, no matter how widely used or original, the goal is to get students thinking about the problem and then providing us with their solutions. While students can create an entry on any environmental theme, this year we encourage students to think about what they can do to save energy and try the solutions they come up with!

The Rules

Follow these simple rules to participate in the program:

- 1 The program is for students in grades K-6.
- 2 Teachers are encouraged to discuss environmental topics with their students that will lead the class to become aware of and focus on solutions to environmental problems. Environmental lessons should be given before initiating a class art or poetry project. The amount of time devoted to classroom activity is determined by each teacher.



Restrictions

- 3 Individual student entries must be no larger than 22 in. X 28 in. Entries worked on by the entire class must be no larger than 3 ft. X 5 ft.
- 4 Teachers may submit no more than two entries per class. Submit:
 - one single entry worked on by the entire class, and/or
 - the best entry by an individual or small group of students (6 or less).
- 5 In order to receive a participation certificate and next year's program announcement, fill out BOTH labels on the enclosed entry form. Remove half of the adhesive backing and stick the label entry form to the lower left-hand corner of the back of the poem or poster. If you do not fill out the label, your submission will not be included.



Eligible entries should be sent to:

Earth Artists Program
EPA New England
Mailcode: RAA
1 Congress Street / Suite 1100
Boston, MA 02114-2023

For additional entry forms please call and ask for EPA's Education Program:

toll free 1-888-EPA-7341

Additional Information

Hand-carried entries should be taken to EPA's mailroom on the 10th floor at 1 Congress Street, Boston, MA between 8a.m.- 4p.m. Monday-Friday (closed on Federal holidays).

All entries must be received by EPA no later than Friday, March 20, 2009.

EPA encourages entrants to use ecological packaging and prefers that entries not be laminated.

This brochure contains the rules for the 2009 program.

Due to the large volume of entries expected, neither the poems nor posters can be returned to students or their teachers. All entries become the property of EPA and may be used for publication or display. Artwork may be modified for reproduction purposes.

EPA New England will be posting some of the winning entries on our web site. www.epa.gov/ne/students