

Honolulu Board of Water Supply
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Board of Water Supply Announces Poster and Poetry Contest Winners

All Oahu residents encouraged to Detect A Leak During Water Conservation Week.

HONOLULU – www.boardofwatersupply.com –Winners from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply’s (BWS) 2010 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contests were announced today at an awards ceremony at the Mission Memorial Auditorium. Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann presented the students with awards for their excellent portrayal of this year’s contest theme, “Stop the Drop.”

“This contest is an excellent way to educate Oahu’s students about protecting our precious water resources,” said Mayor Hannemann. “I would like to praise the superior talent of these environmentally-conscious keiki, whose fine work illustrates the important role water conservation plays in protecting our aina for future generations.”

This contest theme, “Stop the Drop,” asked students to focus their work on one specific and vital water-saving practice – leak detection. In addition to the contest, the BWS is encouraging all Oahu residents to check their properties for leaks during Water Conservation Week, May 2-8, 2010.

Leak Detection

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the average American home can waste more than 10,000 gallons of water every year from running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks. That’s why it’s important for all Oahu residents to check their plumbing fixtures for leaks. Leak detection is simple. Simply turn off all the water fixtures, and then check to see if the property’s water meter (the red arrow or black triangle) is moving. If it is, there is a leak.

There are three types of leaks that should be checked – toilet, property and underground leaks. For a detailed hand out or to watch an instructional video on how to check your property for leaks, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.

The most common household leaks are in toilets, so during Water Conservation Week, the public can pick up free toilet leak detection dye tablets at any satellite city hall, City Mill store or in the lobby of the BWS Public Service Building at 630 South Beretania St.

Poster and Poetry Contest

Forty-five Oahu students were awarded top honors in the poster and poetry contests today. Their entries were chosen by contest judges out of nearly 2,600 posters and 250 poems received in the 32nd annual poster and 2nd annual poetry contests.

The winning entries were selected based on originality, creativity, and artistic/poetic ability, based on the student’s age, to convey the contest theme. The poster contest was open to Oahu students in grades K-6, and poetry contest to Oahu students in grades 7-12.

For the poster contest, first-, second- and third-place prizes were awarded in four categories: kindergarten, first to second grade, third to fourth grade, and fifth to sixth grade. For the poetry contest,

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first-, second-, third- and fourth-place prizes were awarded in three categories: seventh to eighth grade, ninth to tenth grade, and eleventh to twelfth grade. The winners from both contests received U.S. savings bonds and other prizes. The winning and honorable mention artwork and poems will also be featured in the BWS's 2011 water conservation calendar, which will be available to the public at the end of this year. It is also available on the BWS Website at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

All winning and honorable mention entries will be on exhibit at:

- Honolulu Hale's Lane Gallery from May 3rd to May 14th
- Kapolei Hale Courtyard from May 17th to May 28th
- Kahala Mall from June 7th to June 18th
- Windward Mall from June 21st to July 2nd
- Board of Water Supply Public Service Building from July 5th to July 16th

This year's poster contest judges included Art Education Specialist Wendy Larrow of the Department of Education (DOE); Professional Artist/City and County of Honolulu Graphic Artist, Scott Goto; and BWS Water Service Investigator, Tracy Keene. Educational Specialist Patricia Nichols of the DOE; Native Books and Na Mea Hawaii Founder Maile Meyer; and BWS Information Specialist Moani Wright-Van Alst judged the poetry contest.

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2010 Water Conservation Week poster winners:

Kindergarten

- First place: Leigh Medina, Makalapa Elementary School
- Second place: Treytan Feleti, Makalapa Elementary School
- Third place: Xevani Salanoa, Makalapa Elementary School

First through second grade

- First place: Rancen Bello, St. Theresa School
- Second place: Breyden Watanabe, Manoa Elementary School
- Third place: Shaniah Hernandez Fonoti, Waiiau Elementary School

Third through fourth grade

- First place: Olakainoa Carvalho, August Ahrens Elementary School
- Second place: Charlotte Wood, Kamiloiki School
- Third place: Koa Markell, Kamehameha Schools

Fifth through sixth grade

- First place: Kyle Axt, Naau
- Second place: Elliott Markell, Noelani Elementary School
- Third place: Kylah Reed, Kapolei Middle School

The following students received an honorable mention in the poster contest:

- Matthew Fonoti, St. Elizabeth School
- Kaylani Arriola, Makalapa Elementary School



- Meah Heffelfinger, Holomua Elementary School
- Seong Soo (George) Kim, Ala Wai School
- Makana Ko, Webling Elementary School
- Ebony Givens, Webling Elementary School
- Dakota Denis, Lanikai Elementary PCS
- Bobby Liu, Naau
- Michael Voss, Salt Lake Elementary School
- Brandon Ramos, Cathedral Catholic Academy
- Nohea Coleman, University Laboratory School
- Alexandria Gariepy, Kapolei Middle School

2010 Water Conservation Week poetry winners:

Seventh through eighth grade

- First place: Jeannie Ho, Kawananaoka Middle School
- Second place: Danielle Ho, St. John Vianney School
- Third place: Tani Kagesa, Kawananaoka Middle School
- Fourth place: Jacob Kanno, Kawananaoka Middle School

Ninth through tenth grade

- First place: ReiMalyssa Slaughter, Sacred Hearts Academy
- Second place: Kyle Arthur, Radford High School
- Third place: Melissa Nagamine, Moanalua High School
- Fourth place: Taylor Higuchi, Sacred Hearts Academy

Eleventh through twelfth grade

- First place: Denny Whitworth, Radford High School
- Second place: Michael Sonson, Naau
- Third place: Tyler Wong, Moanalua High School
- Fourth place: Jessica Leung, Moanalua High School

The following students received an honorable mention in the poetry contest:

- Nicole Nakasuji, Kawananaoka Middle School
- Shaylah Kagehiro, Kawananaoka Middle School
- Ryan Kubota, Kawananaoka Middle School
- Aleksandra Lucio, Moanalua High School
- Megan Stevenson, Sacred Hearts Academy
- Jeremy Coleman, Radford High School
- Dominique Tosatto, Sacred Hearts Academy
- Aimee Iwanaga, Moanalua High School
- Ian Yamaguchi, Naau

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