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### **Board of Water Supply Announces 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Poster Contest Winners**

*Winning entries will be featured in 2009 water conservation calendar.*

HONOLULU – (boardofwatersupply.com) Today, the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) announced the twelve winners of its 30<sup>th</sup> annual Water Conservation Week Poster Contest. The winners and 16 honorable mention posters will be featured in the BWS's 2009 water conservation calendar, which will be available to the public at the end of the year.

Nearly 1,900 Oahu students in kindergarten through sixth grade entered the contest. Winners were selected based on the quality of artwork and the student's ability to creatively convey the importance of water conservation, in keeping with the contest theme, "Makamae Ka Wai (Precious is the Water)...Use it Wisely."

"We were very pleased with the overwhelming response of entries we received this year," said BWS Manager and Chief Engineer, Cliff Lum. "The students who entered the contest all clearly understood and demonstrated, through their artwork, how they help to conserve our most precious natural resource."

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. First-place winners will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and a tour of the Halawa Xeriscape Garden & Underground Pump Station for their class. Second- and third-place winners will receive \$75 and \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds, respectively.

All winning and honorable mention posters will be on exhibit in the lobby of the BWS Public Services Building, from April 29 through May 16, at Pearlridge Center-Uptown from May 18 through May 31, and at Kahala Mall from June 2 through 8, 2008.

Betty Gearen, director of The Green House and former art educator; Maikai Tubbs, Honolulu Academy of Arts Family Program Coordinator/Graphic Designer and freelance artist; and BWS Water Resources Engineer and Water Conservation Program Coordinator, Cat Sawai, judged this year's contest.



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## **2008 Water Conservation Week poster winners:**

### Kindergarten

- First place: Lucky Thepsenavong of Aliiolani Elementary School
- Second place: Luke Fermahin of Waimalu Elementary School
- Third place: Jasmine Moore of Waimalu Elementary School

### First through second grade

- First place: Amanda Zubowicz of Hickam Elementary School
- Second place: Zedrick Ara of Kalihi-Kai Elementary School
- Third place: Diego Yip of Kamiloiki Elementary School

### Third through fourth grade

- First place: Dakota Miller of Na'au
- Second place: Gianna Ramiscal of Mililani Waena Elementary School
- Third place: Andrew Durand of Mililani Mauka Elementary School

### Fifth through sixth grade

- First place: Austin Montgomery of Pu'ohala Elementary School
- Second place: Annie Lien, Stevenson Middle School
- Third place: Shelby Ladra, Na'au

The following student's received honorable mention recognition and will also be featured in the 2009 water conservation calendar:

- Luke Okamura of Hawaii Baptist Academy
- Ja'Zaria Hall of Makalapa Elementary School
- Dyson Chee of Hawaii Baptist Academy
- Victoria Marr of St. Elizabeth School
- Ellison Akamine of Webling Elementary School
- Talyn Nahinu-Moe of Iroquois Point Elementary School
- Chase Yuen of Waiau Elementary School
- Arron LeBato of Makalapa Elementary School
- Casey Onoye of Na'au
- Jonette Galla of Kalihi Waena Elementary School
- Marisa Tanioka of Na'au
- Warren Domingo of Kanoelani Elementary School
- Nicole Nakamura of Mililani Waena Elementary School
- Nicholas Perrotta of Aliamanu Elementary School
- Hak Jun Kim of Na'au
- Kana Le of Stevenson Middle School

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## **About BWS**

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply is a semi-autonomous city agency whose mission is “Water for Life – Ka Wai Ola”. Three main strategic objectives emanate from this mission-- resource, economic and organizational sustainability. Resource Sustainability ensures our natural groundwater supplies are protected and managed efficiently. Economic Sustainability requires diversifying financial resources to support system operating and capital needs, while keeping water rates affordable. Organizational Sustainability calls for a sound, well structured, efficient organization with the tools and skills necessary to provide exceptional value to our customers, our community, and our watersheds. More information about BWS can be found on the BWS site at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

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