



VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY

Calling all 5th Grade Teachers!

The Village of Palmetto Bay invites you and your 5th grade students to be a part of the **2016 Earth Week Poster Contest!** Encourage your students to design an original poster depicting this theme:

"Trees for the Earth"

Earth Day's Global 2016 Theme: Over the next five years, as Earth Day moves closer to its 50th anniversary, we're calling on you to help achieve one of our most ambitious goals yet —we're planting 7.8 billion trees and we're starting now. Trees will be the first of five major goals we are undertaking in honor of the five-year countdown to our 50th anniversary. On their own and together, these initiatives will make a significant and measurable impact on the Earth and will serve as the foundation of a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable planet for all. *So, why trees?* Trees help combat climate change. They absorb excess and harmful CO₂ from our atmosphere. In fact, in a single year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the same amount of CO₂ produced by driving the average car 26,000 miles. Trees help us breathe clean air. Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases (nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and ozone) and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark. Trees help communities. Trees help communities achieve long-term economic and environmental sustainability and provide food, energy and income.

2016 Earth Week Poster Contest Rules

- Entry must be original artwork created by a student who is currently in the 5th grade. A school may enter only **TWO posters** – to be chosen by teacher/administrator from each school.
- Student's first and last name must be written and signed in the lower right-hand corner on the back of the poster
- Poster may be done in marker, crayon, paint pens, watercolor, ink, acrylic, colored pencil and/or tempera paint.
- Collages are acceptable.
- Computer or photo generated art and/or printing is ***not acceptable***.
- Entries should not display names of commercial products, companies or organizations.
- Entry must be no smaller than 8 ½" x 11" and no larger than 14" x 18"
- Poster must be related to the contest theme in some way. The theme "***Trees for the Earth***" should be exemplified on the poster.
- Entry should not be matted, mounted, laminated, framed or folded.
- You may use the attached Earth Day Network Leadership Guide for more information and ideas on this year's theme. Visit <http://www.earthday.org/earth-day/earth-day-theme/>

Each school shall submit **TWO (2) entries** for judging, and must be original artwork from 5th grade students. ***All winning entries shall immediately become the sole property of the Village of Palmetto Bay.*** All artwork must be ready for pickup by Village staff at the school office on **TUESDAY, APRIL 12th at noon**. All entries will be judged by members of the Tree Board. The winner will be announced by **Friday, April 15th** and results will be posted on the Village of Palmetto Bay's website and social media.

The winning school and student will be honored with a ceremonial tree planting on school grounds on **Wednesday, April 20th** (time to be mutually agreed upon). Village Staff will contact the selected school to coordinate logistics for the short ceremony. If you need more information, please contact spaez@palmettobay-fl.gov or 305-259-1234.

Poster Contest Entry Deadline is ~~FRIDAY, APRIL 8th at noon~~ EXTENDED Tuesday, April 12th at 12pm

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