

## 2024 Trash Can Decorating Contest Entries

# **Category:** Grades K-2

## **Total Entries:** 1

## **CATEGORY WINNER**

## Category: K-2

## **School:** Pierremont Elementary

Location: Ballwin

Project Title: Beep, Bop, Boop! Help Wall-E block up trash one piece at a time!

**Project Description:** My second grade MOSAICS gifted education students are studying the ocean and realizing the negative impact that trash is having on our ocean and ocean life. The No MOre Trash contest is a perfect way to bring awareness to our community at Pierremont. Students voted on the Pixar Animation character, Wall-E: a futuristic robot who cleans the planet one piece of trash at a time. Students brainstormed ideas and designed the trash can using recycled materials. They worked collaboratively and independently - the only teacher assistance provided was the use of the hot glue gun! The trash can will be on display in our cafeteria and in use during grade level lunches. The second graders say, "Beep, Bop, Boop! Let's block up the trash one piece at a time!"





View this group's video submission here: Pierremont Elementary Video

# **Category:** Grades 3-5

# **Total Entries:** 5

School: Clearview Elementary

## Project Title: No MOre Trash!

**Project Description:** At Clearview Elementary we hold leadership teams and one of our teams is called the Green Team. The students of this team voted to do the No MOre Trash project to help out with recycling. We are going to display our trash cans at the front of the school and use them to recycle plastic shopping bags. We are hoping to collect 1,000 pounds within a year to get a bench for our school. The students chose the sea theme with a slogan called, "Let's make a wave of change". They collected Styrofoam bowls to make sea turtles, toilet paper rolls to make whales, and egg cartons to make jellyfish and coral. The students did a wonderful job on this project and we are happy to help with recycling and making a change.



**School:** Crystal City Elementary

## Location: Crystal City

Project Title: Pick-up more Trash

**Project Description:** A Pokemon inspired place to put your trash. Pikachu is waiting for all trash. Made of mostly of materials on hand, students designed, voted and made this trash can with function and fun in mind.



View this group's video submission here: Crystal City Elementary Video

**School:** South Callaway Elementary

## Project Title: Don't Be A Squidward. Pick Up Your Trash!

**Project Description:** Students collaborated on an idea they found interesting and relevant. They wanted to incorporate both land and aquatic ecosystems as their design shows. Students designing the aquatic ecosystem used their own personal skills to draw, color, and cut out each piece. Students working on the land ecosystem chose to find Missouri native animals and plants using their school technology. They chose to mostly leave pollution out of the design to emphasize how wonderful our world is without it. They felt we have enough reminders of what it can be like with pollution.



View this group's video submission here: South Callaway Elementary Video

## **CATEGORY WINNER**

## Category: 3-5 School: Twin Chimneys Elementary

Location: O'Fallon

## Project Title: Trashbusters

**Project Description:** Our Media Production Club worked for many weeks coming up with a unique idea to inspire "No MO Trash" for our state. Students came up with a "TRASHBUSTERS" theme in honor of the newest Ghostbusters movie. Students even had the idea to use a smoke machine for visual effects. We will strive to eliminate litter from our great state of MISSOURI and keep it beautiful!!



School: Warrior Ridge Elementary

## **Project Title:** "In My Trash Collecting ERA" - #TheChildren'sVersion

**Project Description:** 4th grade students were inspired by a Taylor Swift song "Style" and her generosity helping others throughout her Era's Tour. Students transformed their trash can into one of Taylor's concert microphones and modified the song title to "Trash Never Goes out of Style". Students collaborated/drew up a plan to execute the design which included preparing mini trash can versions of the different styles of trash that can be collected and recycled. With the idea that trash will always exist, it will "never go out of style". Research was conducted to create real life examples of various items that can be collected in each can. Students cut, glued, painted, glittered, wove, taped all items which were donated for the project. These students have a message for the public! The version of "Taylor's Era" is over! It's time for #The Children's Version and you are in MY Trash Collecting ERA!"



# **Category:** Grades 6-8

# **Total Entries:** 8

School: Carver Middle School

## Location: Springfield

Project Title: No MOre Trash Recycle Bin

**Project Description:** Students were given the opportunity to design a logo to paint on a trash can which encouraged fellow students to stop littering and raise awareness of reducing trash through recycling. A student "captain" was tasked with the creation of the logo and the team painted the logo onto the trash bin. The original design was created in the digital design program ProCreate then drawn onto the bin and painted with acrylic paint.



**School:** Clearview Elementary

## Location: Union

## Project Title: MoDot Trash Can Project

**Project Description:** At Clearview Elementary we have leadership teams that participate in various activities. The leadership team that created this trash can is called the Green Team and this team learns about ways to conserve our environment and world through making smart choices about reducing waste, recycling and reusing items. This project allowed them to use recycled cardboard soda boxes and other snack boxes to trace and cut out the continents of the world and used recycled construction paper to trace their hands and cut them out to give "High Fives for Keeping the World Clean." This will be displayed in our school to showcase the student's hard work and remind other students about the importance of keeping our earth clean. The students will also use the trash cans collect one thousand pounds of grocery plastic bags to recycle to get our school a new bench for the next year.



## Project Title: Oscar Loves Trash

**Project Description:** A Sesame Street inspired trash can with Oscar himself. As people walk by, they are reminded of Oscar's love of trash with him singing. The students wanted to make a trash can that encourages passerbys to drop their trash within. Made from styrofoam, motion voice box, a blanket, hot glue, pvc pipes and connectors foam and yarn, the trash can does its job.



View this group's video submission here: Crystal City Elementary Video

## **CATEGORY WINNER**

### Category: 6-8

School: Festus Middle School

Location: Festus

Project Title: The Wizard Says: Cast Away Trash!

**Project Description:** Students worked collaboratively on their wizard in space idea and came up with the slogan to "CAST AWAY TRASH!" They used recyclables like cardboard, newspaper and damaged toys to create their space environment forms, then plaster gauze and paint to finish it up. This group hopes you are truly spellbound and inspired to keep trash in the can!



### School: La Monte Junior High School

## Project Title: TOXIC WASTE

**Project Description:** The 7th and 8th grade students at La Monte Junior High decided to create a trashcan that would imitate the Toxic Waste Candy. These students worked together to come up with, create, and build this trash can that could be used to promote NoMORE Trash/ littering within our building. A few 7th and 8th graders led this team and made the big decisions on how the slogan and design would look!



### Project Title: Leave No Trace

**Project Description:** Students at PHMS competed to be selected to paint the new trash can for the "No More Trash Bash." Darci's idea was selected. Darci enjoys computers and emojis so she created a design with very straight forward instructions. Just like the instructions that someone would receive when doing a task on a computer. Darci wants to make putting trash where it belongs as automatic as using a computer.



## School: Saint Brendan Catholic School

#### Location: Mexico

Project Title: We speak for the Trees

**Project Description:** The 6th and 7th graders came together and after coming up with many ideas all agreed on "We speak for the trees" theme to help recycle paper in our school. They hope that their colorful design will grab the attention of their fellow students and help remind them to recycle their paper to save the trees.



School: St. James Middle School

#### Location: St. James

Project Title: "Feed the Can, Man!"

**Project Description:** Our 8th grade Citizenship class at STJ Middle School "hired" Oscar the Grouch to spread the message of NO MORE TRASH! While completing their trash can, the students cleaned the ditches in front of our school and used the trash collected as part of their finished project. The plan is to turn Oscar's frown upside down because we "Feed the Can, Man!", instead of littering.



# **Category:** Grades 9-12

## **Total Entries:** 7

## **CATEGORY WINNER**

## **GRAND PRIZE WINNER**

## Category: 9-12

School: Bayless High School Location: St. Louis Project Title: Feed Me MO Trash!

**Project Description:** Bayless High School students in the Ceramics II Sculpture class collaborated to create a trash can design. "FEED ME MO TRASH" was inspired by the upcoming school production of Little Shop of Horrors here at Bayless and the Piranha Plants featured in The Super Mario Bros. video game series. The group of 15 students were given one week to design and create the can utilizing recycled materials found in the art department storage room. The materials they found were; chicken wire, newspaper, cardboard, erosion cloth, cheese cloth, newspaper, wood scraps, rolled foam, glue, paint, dye, etc. The students transformed the purchased trash can to resemble a potted carnivorous plant to "eat" trash and clean up Missouri! Pedro the Potted Piranha Plant will be present in the Bayless Hallways- changing locations weekly for students to find in the "Where Is Pedro? " challenge.



School: Bolivar High School

## Project Title: NoMO Trash, Keep Missouri Clean

**Project Description:** A 30 gallon trash can made into art with the intention of encouraging people to stop littering! The artwork represents a flower pot and is constructed using recycled trash such as: potato chip wrappers, pop tops, wooden scrap pieces, cardboard rolls, recycled and repurposed paper, paper towels, a canvas sheet, acrylic paint, markers, wooden paint mixer, etc. The piece was mainly conceived and constructed by Kenzie Ross with some help from Phillip Bly, both high school students at Bolivar High School. The trash can sits on a set of wheels so that it can be moved around throughout the building and viewed by the high school students, staff, administrators and faculty. Respectfully, Kenzie did not want her picture taken, so Phillip is in the picture.



**School:** Cape Central High School

Location: Cape Girardeau

**Project Title:** The Only Solution

Project Description: Students chose to depict the image of Mother Earth with the slogan, "No pollution is the only solution." Mother Earth appears on both sides of the trashcan. On one side, she is seen surrounded by flowers and clean, vibrant colors representing the benefits of a world with no pollution. On the opposite side, she is surrounded by trash and dull, neutral colors showing the effects of pollution on the world. Students hope that by depicting a visual of a potential outcome will help to bring awareness to the negative effects that littering and pollution have on our planet.



School: Laquey RV

## Project Title: Spongebob's House

**Project Description:** We chose this project because it was fun and SpongeBob is a popular kids' show. Since Spongebob is one of the main characters, we decided to do his house. We knew our slogan had to go with our project but it also had to rhyme and promote not littering so we came up with "you know who lives under the sea, so keep it clean." In the end, we worked together to get the supplies and after three weeks our trash can was finished.



School: Macks Creek R-V

Location: Macks Creek

Project Title: "Save The Critters, Don't Litter"

**Project Description:** From the very beginning I wanted to use a Raccoon for this contest, I went through a few different ideas before landing on this one. (including a giant peanut butter jar). I wanted something that was cute, involved nature, involved animals, and kept my Raccoon. I think this gets straight to the point of keeping our roads and parks clean, but also keeps it cute and fun.



School: St. Charles High School

Project Title: Don't be bitter, pick up litter!

**Project Description:** 2 SCHS Pirate freshmen worked together to come up with a fun rhyming slogan to go with the NO MOre TRASH theme. These students had fun, and worked hard to create mini painted scrap food & snack items. They used Acrylic paint, paper and glue to bring this idea to life. The best part was there was so much joy and laughter as they worked during, and after school to complete by the deadline...



## Project Title: Trash Bot 2000

**Project Description:** The Trash Bot 2000 design & slogan came about as an idea from a few of my Art Club students who are also in our school's Robotics Club. It was fun seeing this creation showcase both a love of the arts and engineering and the rest of the Art Club crew was super supportive of the concept and pitched in to make the idea come to life! For the design, students painted Trash Bot a bright "recycling" green with scrap poster boards painted to create the face, arms, and messages. They then set the can atop two cardboard boxes filled with sand and painted them to look like classic robot tread wheels. Students at our school can eat lunch almost anywhere so it was a no-brainer placing Trash Bot 2000 for his trash collecting duties right outside of our school STEM lab!

