

MoODT's  
2025

No **MO**RE  
Trash!

Trash Can  
Contest!

# Contest Entries





# Category: Grades K-2

Entries: 2



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**School:**  
Immaculate Conception, Union

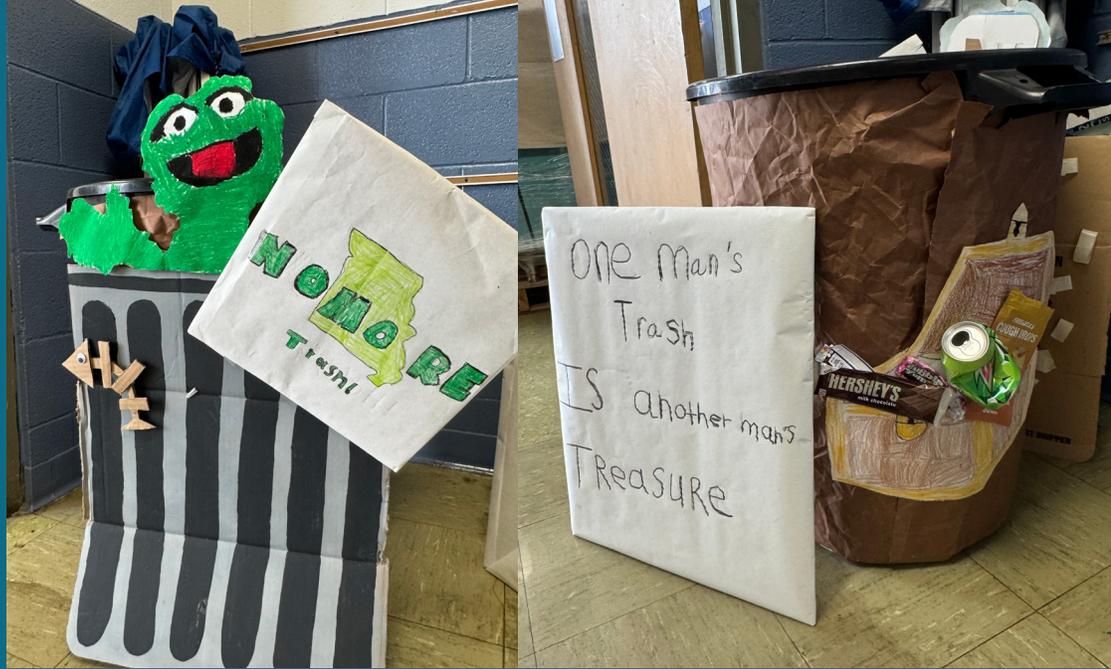
**Project Title:**  
Critters Against Litter

**Project Description:**  
First grade students painted, cut, and glued pieces of trash to create "critters" of all kinds to represent their Critters against Litter: Keep the environment clean!

**CATEGORY WINNER**

**School:**  
Southwest  
Livingston R-1,  
Ludlow

**Project Title:**  
One man's trash  
is another man's  
treasure



**Project Description:**

Students K-2 turned this ordinary trash can into a familiar face, that all young students know. Oscar the Grouch's famous slogan is "I LOVE TRASH" is the perfect character to promote "No MOrE Trash" for Missouri. The students collaborated together and worked hard on this project. They received their materials from the community.





# Category: Grades 3-5

Entries: 11



### Project Description:

After a 4 month long study of the ocean, 2nd and 3rd grade gifted students chose an ocean trash can theme. Ursula is a well known character with lots of power so students chose her as our trashcan concept. They put a spin on her famous quote to say, "The TRASH obeys my every whim!!" This group of 13 students broke up the parts of the design so each student had a job. Together, they shifted Ursula's image from evil to helpful. There was a lot of trial and error with materials but the students truly showed perseverance, a Carman Trails' core character trait, in never giving up and competing this challenging design which is now displayed at the entrance of the school.

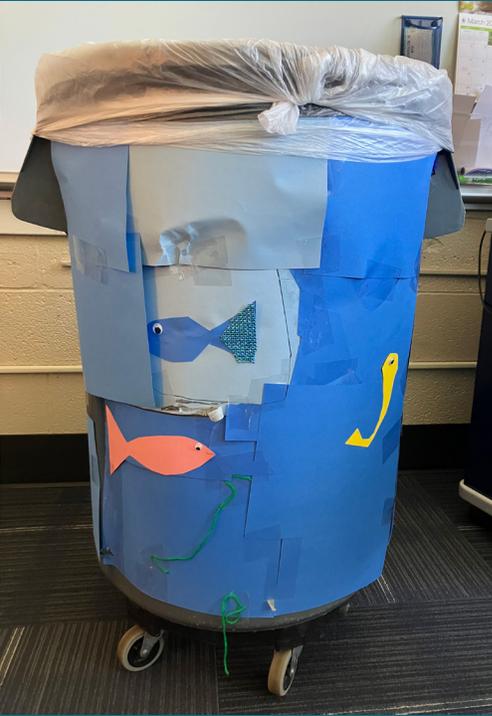
### School:

Carman Trails  
Elementary,  
Ballwin

### Project Title:

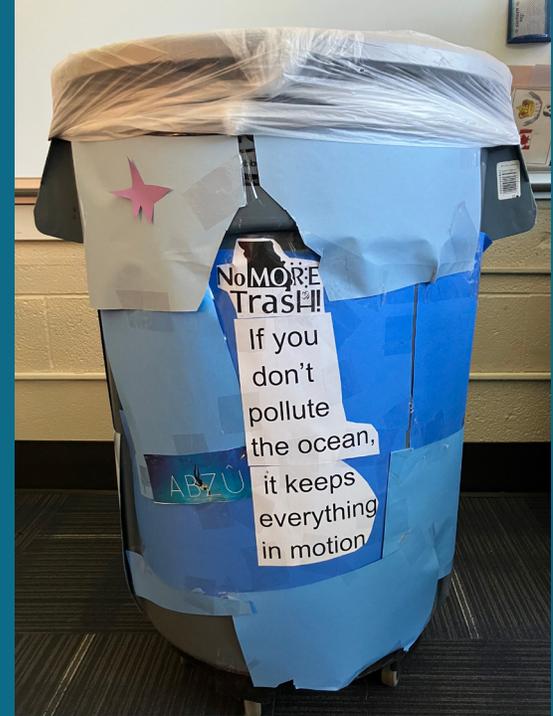
If you LITTER,  
You LOSE





**School:**  
Hazel Grove  
Elementary,  
Lee's Summit

**Project Title:**  
Anti Pollution Ocean



### **Project Description:**

Our trash can has the motto of "Don't pollute the ocean, it keeps everything in motion" as ocean currents help living things finding their food. With trash in our oceans, living things can mistakenly ingest trash instead of their food, causing them to die. We need to keep the trash out of our oceans to stop it from creating large trash islands. We also included Abzu from one of our favorite video games who takes adventures in the ocean.



## Project Description:

"Keep my island clean!"

Sometimes school can feel like our own little island. My 3rd grade gifted class was determined to use their imaginations and creative thinking skills to encourage everyone to keep our school island clean. Inspired by their recent read aloud of "The Wild Robot", students built and perfected their trash can masterpiece! The entire creation was built from recycled and reused materials and provided a great opportunity for team work, perseverance, and fun!

**School:**  
Henry  
Elementary  
School, Ballwin

**Project Title:**  
The Wild Robot



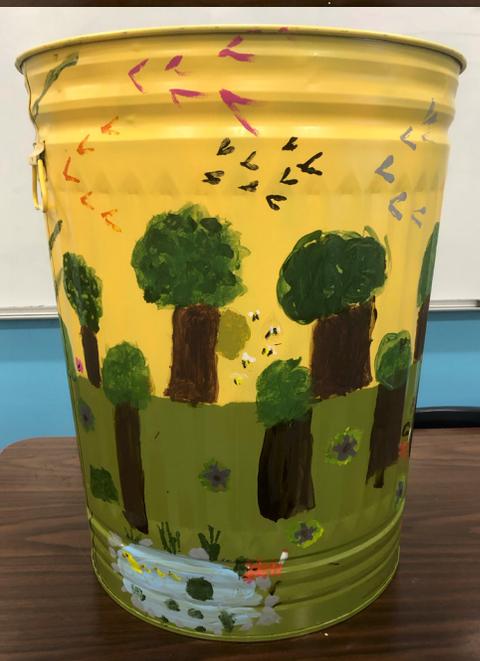
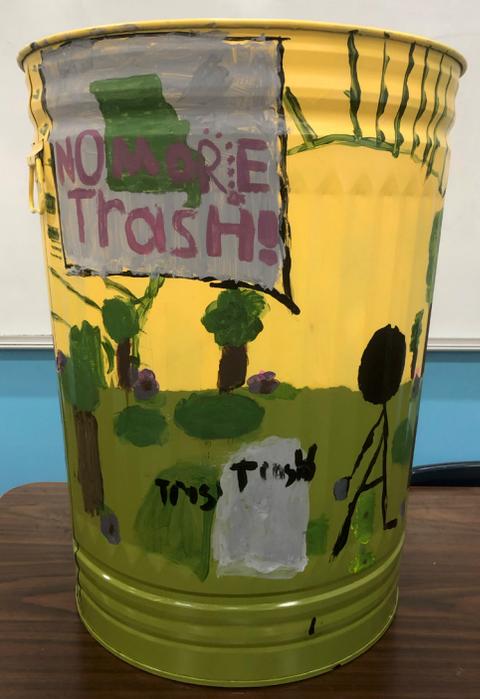
**School:**  
Immaculate Conception, Union

**Project Title:**  
Bug's Life - Don't be a litter bug

**Project Description:**

Third grade students assembled a Bug's Life character out of painted can, cardboard, soda bottles and a paper mache head, along with a ladybug character to tell everyone: Don't be a LITTERBUG!





## School:

Lafayette Preparatory Academy, St. Louis

## Project Title:

LPA's No MOre Trash Innitiative

## Project Description:

Half of the students in the elementary school from K-5 all submitted a design. Each class voted on their favorite and then everyone voted on the 6 finalists. Our winning design came from fifth grader Lillian Cowan. She was assisted in the painting by fifth graders Caroline Clark, Brynn McDonough, Riley McDermott, and Felix Lane. As they were painting the original pattern they began to improvise and add additional details. They wanted to make sure that people understand the impact on nature so they added a number of animals including birds, foxes, and bees. Their medium was acrylic paint.



**School:**  
Lamar West Elementary, Lamar

**Project Title:**  
Trash Monster

**Project Description:**

The students wanted to create a monster eating the trash that get let on the floor in our entry way by students and by people who come to watch basketball games and archery in their gym. They created the majority of the trashcan from recycled materials. The trashcan was one of the schools. They had to make a speech, talk to the principal, design the can in blueprint for and make the trashcan. They used teamwork to design and create the monster. It was all created by them with no help from the teacher



## School:

Missouri School for the Deaf,  
Fulton

## Project Title:

No MOre Trash - Don't  
Be Mean...Keep it Clean!  
Trashcan conetst

## Project Description:

5th grade students at Missouri School for the Deaf had fun designing and constructing a trashcan with Tom and Jerry reminding everyone to "Keep it clean!"



**School:**  
Mountain View  
Elementary,  
Mountain View

**Project Title:**  
How To Train Your  
Trash Can

**Project Description:**

Fourth grade Science Club students used donated and recycled material to create a likeness of Toothless the dragon from the "How To Train Your Dragon" movies! They began by drawing up their ideas and labeling them with potential materials to use based on what we have collected during the school year. The final design consists of plastic water bottles for ears, old CD's as eyes, a used bowl as the head, used packaging material as spikes and wings, cardboard tubing for the tail, and a trash bag for some of the scales! The entire project was a team effort that the students completed with little to no assistance. They even created or found their own viking props for the photo! So far the trashcan has been a huge success for sharing the anti littering message with all ages of students here at Mountain View Elementary.

**CATEGORY WINNER**



**School:**

Portageville Elementary School, Portageville

**Project Title:**

No MOre Trash

**Project Description:**

This project is a submission to MoDOT's No MOre Trash! Trash-Can-Decorating Contest. It is a "Toxic Waste" trash can displaying the No MOre Trash logo, as well as a "Don't be Toxic" sign as a litter prevention slogan.

**School:**  
Southwest  
Livingston  
R-1, Ludlow

**Project Title:**  
Love the  
Earth, trash  
the trash



**Project Description:**

Third, fourth & fifth grade students wanted to decorate their trash can showing the importance of loving the Earth and taking care of it. These students worked hard for weeks on this project- collecting the trash they wanted to display on it and turning trash into art. The students started out by sticking recycled newspaper with modpodge to the trash can, made peace signs and flowers out of pop caps, and flowers out of water bottles.



**School:**

Vineland Elementary, DeSoto

**Project Title:**

We CAN make a difference

**Project Description:**

Our project is a soda can where students came up with the slogan " We CAN make a difference". This trash can is located near a stairwell and door where students can throw their trash/litter away before entering or leaving the school.



# Category: Grades 6-8

Entries: 6



**School:**  
Dixon Middle School, Dixon

**Project Title:**  
No Mo Trash Contest



**Project Description:**

DMS Conservation students designed and built The Lorax on Truffala Tree Stump, displaying the contest slogan "No Mo Trash" and the title sign "Unless" - instilling the message that UNLESS you do something about the trash/litter, our wildlife will suffer and die.



**School:**

East Carter R-II School District, Ellsinore

**Project Title:**

Don't get HOOKED on Litter

**Project Description:**

In an inspiring initiative, two middle school classes collaborated on a project titled "Don't Get Hooked on Litter," which focused on designing an innovative trash can. After submitting various design entries, students participated in a voting process to select their favorite. As part of this project, they organized a cleanup effort to collect trash around their campus and along a local creek, highlighting the importance of environmental stewardship. To further raise awareness about the impact of litter on local wildlife, students created representations of aquatic species such as a catfish, bass, snapping turtle, and a water snake, emphasizing the vital connection between pollution and Missouri's streams and rivers. Recycled materials and litter is incorporated into the design. This project not only fostered creativity and teamwork but also educated students about the consequences of littering in their community. The trashcan will be placed in the East Carter School cafeteria.

# CATEGORY & GRAND PRIZE WINNER



**School:**

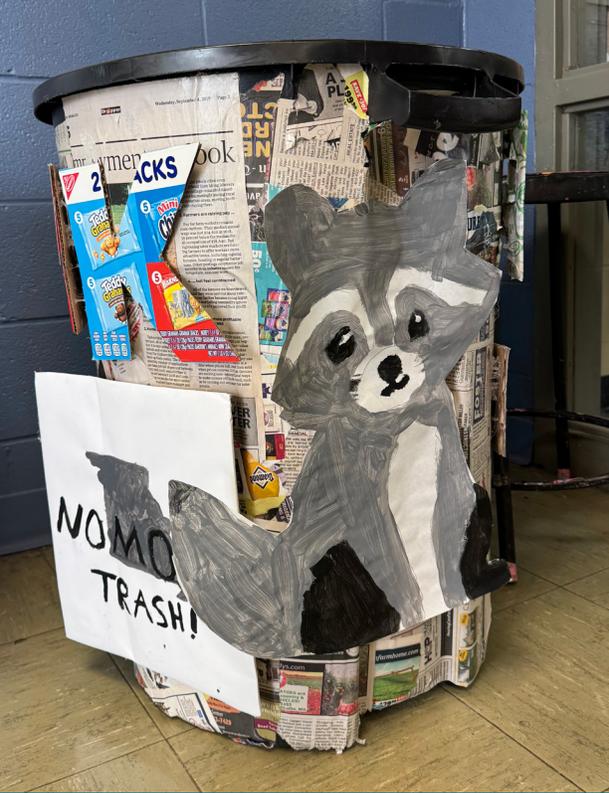
Lamar Middle School, Lamar

**Project Title:**

Bowser Eats Trash

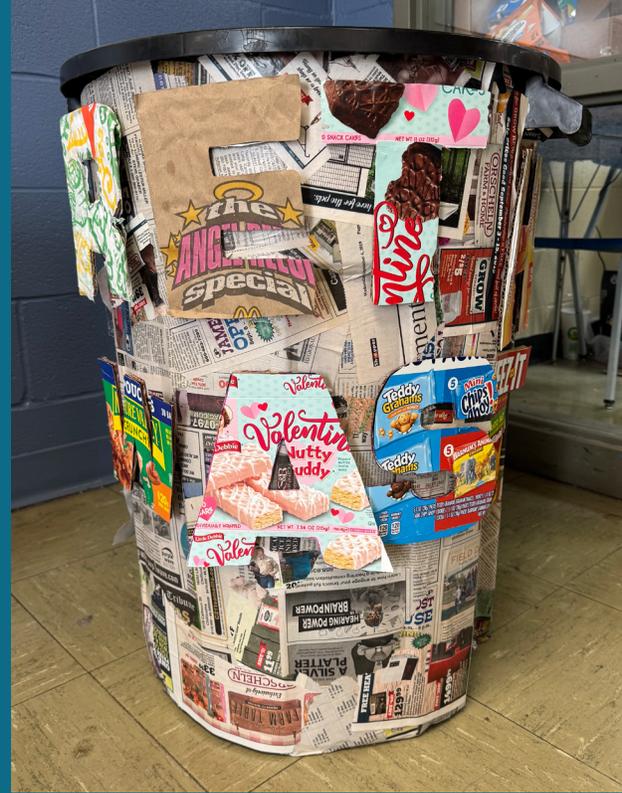
**Project Description:**

Bowser eats trash in the middle school commons area. They came up with a blue print and gave each team member a job on creating the design. They wanted something that would be popular with people their age. They created the head and shell out of cardboard and paper mache. They used paper, cardboard, and craft sticks to create all the objects on the trashcan!



**School:**  
Southwest  
Livingston  
R-1, Ludlow

**Project Title:**  
RETHINKING  
TRASH



**Project Description:**

The 6th graders wanted to send an encouraging message to look beyond the typical view of waste and consider it as a valuable resource. Instead of simply discarding items, the slogan promotes the idea of reusing, recycling, and reimagining trash in creative ways. It's about shifting our mindset from wastefulness to resourcefulness, finding new purposes for things that would otherwise be thrown away. Let's rethink what we toss aside, and make a positive impact on the environment and our communities! The students wanted the slogan to be large on the trash can, and they wanted to make the letters out of trash.





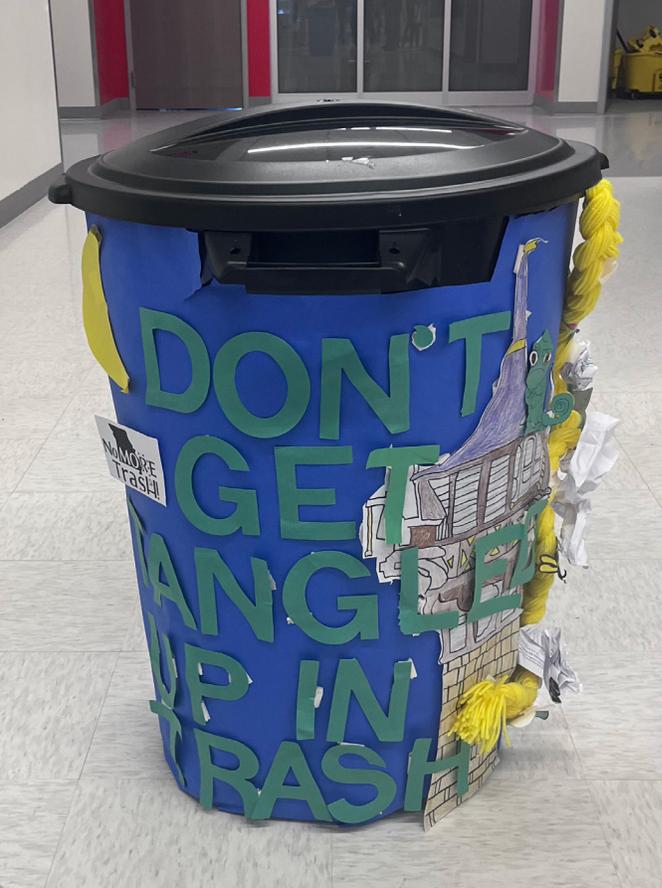
**School:**  
St. James Middle  
School, Saint  
James

**Project Title:**  
"Blast The  
Trash!"



**Project Description:**

Help us keep our state clean—Blast the Trash! Our 8th-grade Citizenship students are on a mission to stop littering and take care of our environment. Instead of tossing trash on the ground, launch it into our special rocket trash can and send waste where it belongs! Every piece of litter left behind harms our school, our state, and our future. Let's work together to say "No MORE Trash!" When we Blast the Trash, we show responsibility, respect, and pride in our community. Join the mission—keep our space clean and pollution free!



**School:**

Winfield Middle School, Winfield

**Project Title:**

Rapunzel

**Project Description:**

Students decided on a Rapunzel themed trash can where they braided yard and said, "Don't Get Tangled in Trash"



# Category: Grades 9-12

Entries: 5



**School:**  
Bayless High School, St. Louis

**Project Title:**  
"Throw MO Trash OUT!"

**Project Description:**

Our Ceramics II/ Sculpture class chose to promote litter awareness by featuring Oscar the Grouch saying "Throw MO Trash Out!" Everyone knows that Oscar loves trash to be placed in his can! He is the perfect spokesperson to inspire Missouri residents to pick up litter and place it in the trash can. This 3-dimensional sculpture was created using an armature of chicken wire, wood and paper. Utilizing found items in the art stock room, students were able to upcycle old burlap remnants to wrap the armature. We also found items to create the fuzzy fur and facial expressions using varied sculpting techniques. The furry texture was created by many hands using pet brushes to unravel yarn strands to create Oscars many layers. Oscar will be a resident- roaming the Bayless High School hallways this Spring for students to find and Throw MO trash out to be litter free!





**School:**  
Glasgow School,  
Glasgow

**Project Title:**  
"River Recycle"



**Project Description:**

The "River Recycle" project is a community-focused environmental initiative designed to keep our local river clean and healthy by preventing trash from polluting its waters. Situated next to our town, this project integrates creative, eco-friendly trash cans inspired by river life—featuring designs of fish and turtles. These uniquely designed trash cans will encourage residents, visitors, and tourists to dispose of their waste responsibly, ensuring that the river remains free from harmful trash and debris. By combining waste management solutions with the natural beauty of river ecosystems, the River Recycle project aims to protect our waterways and promote sustainability.



**CATEGORY WINNER**



## School:

Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts, Kansas City

## Project Title:

Trashy Thoughts Trash Can- Created by the Hot Chocolate Club

## Project Description:

Littering extends beyond discarding physical trash; it also encompasses the negative thoughts we harbor and unthinkingly pass on to others. A clean mind fosters a cleaner world. This trash symbolizes a safe space for individuals to write down and dispose of their undesirable thoughts, no matter how heavy they feel. It encourages self-reflection and provides an opportunity to cleanse the mind, allowing people to release their burdens instead of scattering them worldwide. Individuals contribute to a healthier mental and environmental landscape by tossing their negative thoughts away.

The exterior of this trash serves as a graffiti canvas, inviting students to post uplifting notes. As they throw away negative thoughts, merely discarding them, they recycle their minds with positive affirmations and inspiration. This initiative fosters a supportive environment where everyone can contribute to a collective mindset of encouragement and positivity, reminding us to embrace good vibes while letting negativity creatively go!



**School:**  
Southwest  
Livingston R-1,  
Ludlow

**Project Title:**  
Don't trash where  
we splash!



**Project Description:**

The "Don't Trash Where We Splash" slogan is a call to action to protect our lakes, rivers, beaches, and oceans from pollution. It encourages people to avoid littering in places where we enjoy water activities like swimming, boating, or fishing. By emphasizing the importance of keeping these areas clean, the slogan reminds us that trash not only affects the beauty of our natural spaces but can also harm wildlife and pollute the water. The message is simple: if we care about the places where we relax and have fun, we need to do our part in keeping them free from waste. Let's all take responsibility and make sure we don't trash the places where we splash!



**School:**  
Spokane High School,  
Spokane

**Project Title:**  
Munch, Munch, Munch

**Project Description:**

A graffiti style Mario Kart Piranha Plant in its pipe asking people feed it so it can Munch, Munch, Munch their trash.