Contest Winners Chosen

SINCE 2006, THE SCHOOL ENERGY AND RECYCLING TEAM (SERT) program has invited the students and staff of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to participate in the Watts Up? poster contest. Contestants are asked to create and submit original artwork that demonstrates the importance of conserving energy and recycling. Selected pieces of the winning art are then reproduced into posters and distributed systemwide, and are often used in various promotional publications. Click here to see the posters from previous years that are currently available from SERT.

Over the years, SERT has received some incredible artwork with a wide range of concepts done in various mediums. Be it the pencil and crayon drawings of the kindergarteners, the more intricate multi-colored designs of middle school students, or the digital art created by high school graphic designers, every entry, in its own way, has the same message: recycle, and conserve energy and water to help save our planet. This year was no exception.

Out of the 161 entries received and reviewed by SERT staff, 54 were moved into the final phase of judging. Then MCPS staff was invited to an online poll and an open house event to select the winners for 2018. We’re pleased to announce that more than 900 people voted and we have excellent winning pieces in each category. Congratulations to the following MCPS artists—

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Katherine Hess, Staff
Seneca Valley High School

Darae Kang, Grade 8
Cabin John Middle School
The first and second place winning entries will be on display at the Rockville Memorial Library during the month of June. New posters from this year’s winning entries will be sent to schools via Pony in the fall.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2018 Watts Up? poster contest. Contestants and judges are a big part of the success of this event, and SERT appreciates all of you!
Second Quarter Energy Awards

The SCHOOL ENERGY AND RECYCLING TEAM is pleased to announce that our schools made significant efforts to save energy during the second quarter (December 2017–February 2018) of the 2017–2018 academic year. We experienced an extremely cold winter that necessitated the heating of Montgomery County Public Schools during unoccupied hours to prevent pipes from freezing. Even so, more than 40 percent of our elementary schools demonstrated great energy management behavior and showed energy savings compared to their baseline. Saving energy takes consistent, conscientious action and active collaboration between the school administration, building service team, and the students, staff and community. Congratulations to the 86 schools listed below that have won the SERT Energy Award for the second quarter of this school year.

Bannockburn ES  Lakewood ES  Benjamin Banneker MS  Clarksburg HS
Belmont ES  Little Bennett ES  Cabin John MS  Damascus HS
Brooke Grove ES  Monocacy ES  Eastern MS  Walter Johnson HS
Brown Station ES  New Hampshire Estates ES  William H. Farquhar MS  Montgomery Blair HS
Burnt Mills ES  Olney ES  Forest Oak MS  Poolesville HS
Candlewood ES  William Tyler Page ES  Robert Frost MS  Seneca Valley HS
Carderock Springs ES  Pine Crest ES  Dr. Martin Luther King MS  Springbrook HS
Rachel Carson ES  Piney Branch ES  Lakelands Park MS  Walt Whitman HS
Cashell ES  Lois P. Rockwell ES  A. Mario Loiederman MS  Watkins Mill HS
Chevy Chase ES  Rolling Terrace ES  Montgomery Village MS  Thomas S. Wootton HS
Clopper Mill ES  Sequoyah ES  Neelsville MS
Capt. James Daly ES  Seven Locks ES  Newport Mill MS
Damascus ES  Sherwood ES  North Bethesda MS
Dr. Charles Drew ES  Sligo Creek ES  Parkland MS
Farmland ES  Somerset ES  Rosa M. Parks MS
Flower Hill ES  South Lake ES  John Poole MS
Georgian Forest ES  Strathmore ES  Redland MS
William B. Gibbs, Jr. ES  Summit Hall ES  Ridgeview MS
Glen Haven ES  Twinbrook ES  Rocky Hill MS
Goshen ES  Wayside ES  Shady Grove MS
Great Seneca Creek ES  Washington Grove ES  Silver Creek MS
Highland View ES  Weller Road ES  Silver Spring Int’l. MS
Jones Lane ES  Westover ES  Takoma Park MS
Kensington Parkwood ES  Wood Acres ES  Westland MS
Stephen Knolls School  Wyngate ES  Julius West MS

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER BREAK
BUT FIRST, PLEASE DO YOUR SUMMER SHUTDOWN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (MCPS), in collaboration with Learn Shop, Inc., an organization that collects and distributes new and gently used school supplies, will participate again this year in the Drive for Supplies, an end-of-the-school-year locker and backpack clean-out project. School supplies collected are carefully sorted by student volunteers and then donated to international and local nonprofit groups, including MCPS and families in Montgomery County.

Since the inception of this program in 2002, more than 91.5 tons of school supplies have been collected and donated through this worthwhile campaign. Participating in the Drive for Supplies campaign not only teaches our students the importance of helping those in need, but also reinforces the significance of recycling and reducing waste. That’s why the SERT program is excited to be a partner in this campaign. It is our goal to promote activities that reinforce recycling, reusing items, and reducing waste whenever possible.

The Drive for Supplies ceremony and press conference will be held at Montgomery Village Middle School on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. SERT will present recognition awards to the elementary, middle, and high schools that collects the most supplies. School staff members may attend the press conference and stay to pick up needed school supplies for their students at the conclusion of the ceremony, or until 2:00 p.m. Click here for more information about campaign.

Spotlight will take a short break for the summer, but saving energy and recycling in MCPS is important all year long!

Please remember—
- The PLM energy conservation program begins on June 19.
- Recycling bins and services must be provided for all summer programs, camps, and events at schools.

This newsletter is produced by the School Energy and Recycling Team (SERT) program and distributed to SERT leaders, school-based SERT teams, building service personnel, and others who are interested in conservation and sustainability. As part of the Montgomery County Public Schools Department of Facilities Management, the SERT program provides opportunities for all schools to participate and receive incentives and recognition for their energy conservation and recycling efforts. We support a balanced environment for the integration of all students to work together in a culturally diverse environment, and strive to provide the resources, support, and vision of the future for a successful conservation program at each school. Promoting the connections between human behavior and its impact on the environment reinforces our culture of conservation and increases participation in our mission to conserve resources and recycle actively.

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