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## 2013 "Water: The Cycle of Life" CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

- WHO:** All 5th grade classes in Wake County!  
 Sponsored by Wake District and Novozymes Nature's GREEN-RELEASE Composting.
- WHEN:** **DEADLINE to submit Top 3 posters from each 5<sup>th</sup> grade class is Fri., Nov. 2, 2012.**
- WHAT:** Create an informative & colorful 24"x36" poster to answer several questions:
- How do people change the land and How does this affect the natural water cycle?
  - What is one innovative way or "best practice" that people can do to:
    - slow down stormwater runoff to reduce soil and streambank erosion?
    - capture stormwater runoff to allow infiltration and groundwater recharge?
    - filter stormwater to prevent water pollutants from reaching our waterways?
    - harvest rainwater to save water and prevent it from becoming stormwater?
  - Why is it important to protect the natural water cycle? Why should people care?
- WHY:** To give 5th graders the opportunity to creatively display their conservation knowledge!  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Goals** 5.P.2.1 - Water Cycle: changes from interaction of M&E  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visual Arts** 5.V.2 - Apply creative & critical thinking to art expression
- HOW:** Teacher requests Wake District's "Water: The Cycle of Life" study packet and rubric.  
Individual students create posters (posters assigned for a grade are more likely to win!)  
Teacher submits **Best 3 posters that best meet Rubric Criteria** from his/her class.  
Teacher delivers school's posters to Wake District office -or-  
Teacher arranges for Wake District to pick up posters on **Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> or Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.**  
**One pick-up per school** of all 5<sup>th</sup> grade posters in labeled, plastic bag in school office.
- JUDGING:** A special Judging Panel of external professionals judge classroom posters and award "Outstanding", "Terrific" or "Very Good" ribbons, and the overall **TOP TEN** winners from all submitted entries. From the TOP TEN, our Wake District Board selects the Top 3 winners and overall #1 District winner by **December 6, 2012.**
- PRIZES:**
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| <p>RIBBONS and CERTIFICATES:</p> <p>AWARDS DINNER + CERTIFICATES:</p> <p><b>CASH AWARDS:</b></p> | <p>to 3 poster artists from each 5<sup>th</sup> gr. classroom</p> <p>to TOP TEN winners (can invite 2 adult guests)</p> <p><b>\$100 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$50 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$25 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.</b></p> <p>District winner can win additional cash awards at next levels \$100 - Regional and State - \$200.</p> |
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- TABOOS:** Please encourage original, hand-drawn artwork rather than computer-generated graphics!  
 Please NO copyrighted cartoon characters (such as Garfield, Snoopy) or litter posters.