

5 Posters, 5 Days on WRAL-TV 5 at 5 pm!



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Our good friend, Chief Meteorologist Greg Fishel will spotlight five of our winning "The Living Soil" posters throughout the week after his weather forecast. Contest sponsors, Wake Soil & Water Conservation District and Novozymes Nature's GREEN-RELEAF Composting are proud of these 5th grade students for researching the amazing soil ecosystem under our feet, ways we harm soil and its important functions, and innovative ways we can treat our soil like "gold" instead of like "dirt."

Our students researched and illustrated a variety of best practices we can adopt in our own backyards: Composting and vermicomposting to add rich organic matter to the soil, blanketing bare soil with living cover crops to protect it from hard rains and erosion, and being careful not to drive or park heavy vehicles or equipment on soil to prevent compaction of its vital pores that hold air and water. Students also researched the myriads of organisms that make the soil their home and in doing so, help form and enrich it as the vibrant, life-giving resource that sustains us.

The overall #1 District winner is 5th grader Hill Brooks from Green Hope Elementary in Cary. Hill's poster won him a \$100 cash award and the chance to win additional prizes this spring at the regional level in competition with 10 other counties. Good luck Hill!

- Mon. 3/10 CARMEN STEVENSON in Carol Wooten's class at Hunter Elem. in Raleigh**
- Tues. 3/11 COLIN FLEMING in Laura Zimmerman's class at Green Hope Elem. in Cary**
- Wed. 3/12 RIKHIL FELLNER in Cherry Jackson's class at Jones Dairy Elem. in Wake Forest**
- Thurs. 3/13 ANUKSHA RAM MADHAN in Alice Nagy's class at Green Hope Elem. in Cary**
- Fri. 3/14 LUKE BOEHLING in Brandy Smith's class at Farmington Woods Elem. in Cary**

Please Note:

Posters may not appear in this exact order, and may be preempted by winter weather or other breaking news. We thank Greg Fishel and WRAL-TV 5 for being great Friends of Wake District in providing prime time coverage of our young people's community conservation artwork and messages!