



## Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre

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## **Waste Reduction Week Contest a Success**

**Local Students Win a Computer From Staples By “Walking Lightly on the Environment”**

**Pembroke, ON:** For the sixth year in a row OVWRC invited students from their partner municipalities to be creative and show how they “Walk Lightly on the Environment.” The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre held its annual “Walking Lightly on the Environment” contest as part of their Waste Reduction Week celebrations. This year a grand prize of a *computer*, donated by *Staples* in Pembroke, was won by *Mr. Sokolski’s Grade 6/7 students at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School*. They will receive their computer from *Staples* in a special presentation on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @1:30 pm at Our Lady of Sorrows School, Petawawa.

“We are really pleased to continue our partnership with *Staples* in Pembroke again this year. *Staples* focuses community outreach around three areas: Entrepreneurship, Education and Environment so the contest was a perfect fit.” Comments Sue McCrae, the OVWRC’s General Manager.

OVWRC’s Board Vice Chairman, Tom Mohns agrees. “These students have shown how they “walk lightly on the environment” at home, school and at play. So we are pleased to be able to recognize this positive behaviour.”

In September, teachers were notified of the contest asking students at various grade levels to participate. The categories this year were geared to meet individual grade expectations and designed to have links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The contest details and winners were as follows:

### ***Kindergarten, Grade one, two and three: Coloring Contest and Poster Contest***

Younger students were asked to submit a drawing showing how they practice the three R’s. They were also asked to finish the sentence “I recycle or compost because..”. Older students designed a poster promoting and instructing other students and staff in the school on the proper sorting of recyclables.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: ***Logan Gauthier***, Mrs. Trautrim’s Grade 2/3 Rockwood P.S.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: ***Kelsey Buckwald***, Mrs. Trautrim’s Grade 2/3 Rockwood P.S.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: ***Cassie Scheuneman***, Mrs. Trautrim’s Grade 2/3 Rockwood P.S.

Honourable Mentions:

***Brandon Turner***, Anne Marie Rochon’s Kindergarten (Jardin), Jeanne Lajoie Élémentaire

***Myia Loback***, Mrs. Trautrim’s Grade 2/3 Rockwood P.S.

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### **Grades Four to Six: Radio Ad**

Students were asked to submit a script for a 30 second environmental radio ad that focused on reducing, reusing, recycling or composting. The winning entries will be recorded by the students on December 9<sup>th</sup> and will be aired on MyFM and Star 96 in mid December.

Winners:

**Alexanna Hawkins**, Mr. Sokolski's Grade 6/7, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School

**Michael Plazek**, Ms. Hansen's Grade 5, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School

### **Grades Seven and Eight: Design a Newspaper Ad**

Students were asked to design a newspaper ad that highlighted successful waste diversion programs or waste reduction initiatives focusing on OVWRC's recycling and special waste programs. Winning Entries will be published in a local newspaper in 2010.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Mara Copeland**, Mr. Sokolski's Grade 6/7, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Denica Joseph**, Mrs. Phelan's Grade 7, Pinecrest P.S.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Hailey Hall**, Mr. Sokolski's Grade 6/7, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School

Honourable Mentions:

**Dominique Cubelo**, Mr. Sokolski's Grade 6/7, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School

**Jared Ryan**, Mr. Sokolski's Grade 6/7, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School

**Darrah Joseph**, Mrs. Phelan's Grade 7, Pinecrest P.S.

### **Grades Nine – Twelve**

Students were asked to produce a 2-5 minute video highlighting the importance of "walking lightly on the environment" in the Ottawa Valley. Students were encouraged to research OVWRC's environmental initiatives and environmental issues with a local connection.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: "**Save Our Planet**" by Mrs. Crossman's Grade 9 at Bishop Smith Catholic High School produced by: **McKinley Agnesi, Claudia Dobrowolski, Samantha Gauthier, Jessica Manny, Megan Milligan, Bree Nagora, Ellie Poirier, Teneya, Shires, Danielle Swant and Kenna Turner**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "**The Environment**" by Mrs. Crossman's Grade 9 at Bishop Smith Catholic High School produced by: **Nick Boutilier, Tyler Brush, Marco Comisso, Roman Godfrey and Marc Lacroix**

All students with winning entries will receive an "environmental prize pack" consisting of OVWRC promotional items. The schools of the winning entries will each receive a tree with OVWRC compost to be planted in their yard in spring 2010. Classes with winning entries honourable mentions will also receive "Eco-Class" recognition from the OVWRC thanking them for their participation. All entries will be on display at the Pembroke Mall in 2010 and will be available for viewing on the OVWRC website.

For more information please contact Sue McCrae, General Manager at 613-735-7537, ext. 214.

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