



SERT Flash

School Energy and Recycling Team



Broad Acres Elementary School 4th Annual Recycling Essay Contest



(L-R) Mr. Luis San Sebastian, AP; Douglas Enriquez, 5th grade student

Broad Acres Elementary School has just held their Fourth Annual Recycling Essay Contest and is pleased to announce that they received over 200 entries this year! Teachers make use of this essay contest to assist students in advancing their persuasive writing skills and often hold writing workshops with large groups of students during lunch/recess to help them with this process. The school wide annual essay contest is open to all students from kindergarten through fifth grade. Each year it has become more and more popular and demonstrates an increasing awareness of the importance of recycling. According to Assistant Principal, Mr. Luis San Sebastian, “The students get very excited to get their thoughts about recycling down on paper for this contest.

The 2011 first place winner, fifth grade student, Douglas Enriquez, wrote his winning essay to the question “*Why is Recycling Important to Me?*” In his essay, Douglas wrote, “Recycling saves space.....the less space we have the less oxygen we have because trees produce oxygen so they cut down trees to make space”, and “About 850,000,000 trees are cut down a year! So if we don’t recycle all that paper that we cut down the more we cut the existence of humankind.”

SERT would like to congratulate all of the students and staff at Broad Acres Elementary School for promoting recycling through this successful essay contest.” The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners all receive gift cards from a local vendor purchased with SERT funds that Broad Acres Elementary School has won.

Keep up the good work!!

Do you have a “SERT Flash” you would like to share about your SERT efforts? Please submit a photograph and paragraph about your team and you too can be featured in a future FLASH!

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“It’s your world...choose to conserve”

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Indoor Recess Again?

Turn a Challenge into an Opportunity



After many long winter days of indoor recess, are you looking for a new activity for your students? Why not participate in the SERT Watt's Up Poster Contest?

The theme for the poster contest this year is “Conservation: Energy, Water and Recycling.”

Posters selected for printing will include the student or staff member’s name and school/office. This year, participants will have the option to create posters in different languages. Students and staff could explore and demonstrate the importance of conservation in English, Spanish, Chinese, French, Korean, Vietnamese, and Amharic. Winning entries will be exhibited in a gallery showing at the Rockville Library this summer.

The Watt’s Up poster contest is open to all MCPS staff or students in grades K–12. The theme of each entry should encourage others to conserve energy and water and to recycle responsibly.

The due date is extended to Friday, April 4th. More information is available [here](#).



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No Outdoor Recess? No Problem Work on Your SERT Watt's Up Poster



Cold winter days can mean days of indoor recess. Why not turn this challenge into an opportunity for your students and staff to enter the 2016 SERT Watt's Up Poster Contest? This year's theme is "SERT In Our Schools." The due date is April 15, 2016.

The SERT Watts Up? Poster Contest offers an opportunity for all MCPS students and staff members to showcase their school's sustainability efforts. Illustrate how your school makes wise decisions with its energy use, recycling, and water conservation. Please note that submissions may be hand-drawn or produced through digital art (Photoshop, InDesign, etc.).

- Energy may be the single most important environmental issue of our time. All environmental issues are related to energy – air and water quality, global climate change, waste management, and transportation.
- Share how your school recycles. Each of us can make a great impact on the earth by recycling. Recycling saves energy and precious raw materials. Recycling paper, glass, aluminum, plastic, and many other items can make a real difference.

This is a wonderful opportunity to use your visual art talents to communicate your ideas on how your school uses less energy and increases recycling to make MCPS a greener place to learn.

For additional information on the SERT Watt's Up Poster contest click [here](#)

Contact SERT@mcpsmd.org with your conservation strategies so we can "Flash" your school!

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