



# SERT Spotlight

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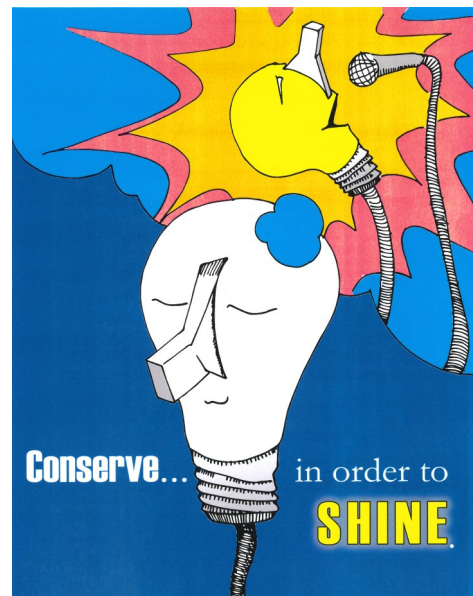
## Watts Up? Contest Winners Chosen

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—



*Katherine Hess, Staff  
Seneca Valley High School*



*Darae Kang, Grade 8  
Cabin John Middle School*

### FIRST PLACE WINNERS

CATEGORY	ARTIST	SCHOOL
Grades K-2	Mila Sanchez	Somerset Elementary School
Grades 3-5	Sophia Liu	Fox Chapel Elementary School
Grades 6-8	Darae Kang	Cabin John Middle School
Grades 9-12	Megan Nonato	Northwest High School
Staff	Katherine Hess	Seneca Valley High School



Mila Sanchez, Grade 2  
Somerset Elementary School



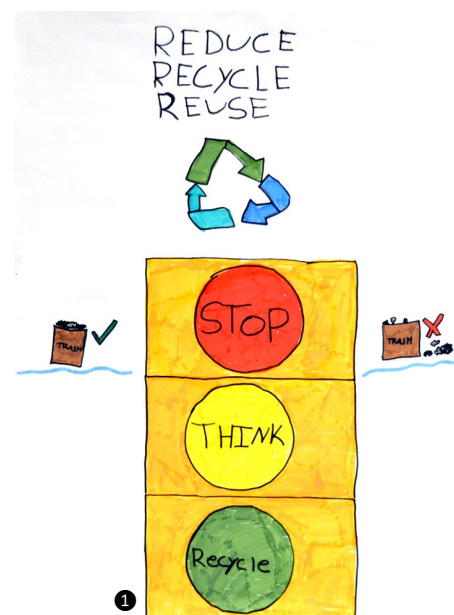
Megan Nonato, Grade 9  
Northwest High School



Sophia Liu, Grade 5  
Fox Chapel Elementary 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 PLACE WINNERS**

IMAGE	CATEGORY	ARTIST	SCHOOL
1	Grades K-2	Faith Ferry	Little Bennett Elementary School
2	Grades 3-5	Olivia McFarland	Judith A. Resnik Elementary School
3	Grades 6-8	Kiera C. Foley	Roberto Clemente Middle School
4	Grades 9-12	Kathryn Zhang	Richard Montgomery High School
5	Staff	Erin Burrell	Ashburton Elementary School

# 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
- Belmont ES
- Brooke Grove ES
- Brown Station ES
- Burnt Mills ES
- Candlewood ES
- Carderock Springs ES
- Rachel Carson ES
- Cashell ES
- Chevy Chase ES
- Clopper Mill ES
- Capt. James Daly ES
- Damascus ES
- Dr. Charles Drew ES
- Farmland ES
- Flower Hill ES
- Georgian Forest ES
- William B. Gibbs, Jr. ES
- Glen Haven ES
- Goshen ES
- Great Seneca Creek ES
- Highland View ES
- Jones Lane ES
- Kensington Parkwood ES
- Stephen Knolls School
- Lakewood ES
- Little Bennett ES
- Monocacy ES
- New Hampshire Estates ES
- Olney ES
- William Tyler Page ES
- Pine Crest ES
- Piney Branch ES
- Lois P. Rockwell ES
- Rolling Terrace ES
- Sequoyah ES
- Seven Locks ES
- Sherwood ES
- Sligo Creek ES
- Somerset ES
- South Lake ES
- Strathmore ES
- Summit Hall ES
- Twinbrook ES
- Wayside ES
- Washington Grove ES
- Weller Road ES
- Westover ES
- Wood Acres ES
- Wyngate ES

- Benjamin Banneker MS
- Cabin John MS
- Eastern MS
- William H. Farquhar MS
- Forest Oak MS
- Robert Frost MS
- Dr. Martin Luther King MS
- Lakelands Park MS
- A. Mario Loiederman MS
- Montgomery Village MS
- Neelsville MS
- Newport Mill MS
- North Bethesda MS
- Parkland MS
- Rosa M. Parks MS
- John Poole MS
- Redland MS
- Ridgeview MS
- Rocky Hill MS
- Shady Grove MS
- Silver Creek MS
- Silver Spring Int'l. MS
- Takoma Park MS
- Westland MS
- Julius West MS
- White Oak MS

- Clarksburg HS
- Damascus HS
- Walter Johnson HS
- Montgomery Blair HS
- Poolesville HS
- Seneca Valley HS
- Springbrook HS
- Walt Whitman HS
- Watkins Mill HS
- Thomas S. Wootton HS

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.



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**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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