

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL POSTER CONTEST

The City of New Westminster, in collaboration with School District #40 Student Learning Services, invited the Grade 5 elementary school students to participate in a poster contest that allowed them to express their environmental learning experiences creatively with the City. The theme of this year's contest was "*Watch your Flow, H₂O*".

The contest provided an opportunity for students to participate in an environmental learning activity for Earth Day on April 22, 2016. This year's students were invited to create a poster that showed the importance of conserving our region's water and illustrated ways they can conserve it.

Winners of the 2016 Environmental Poster Contest:

1st Place - Faith Villareal from Queensborough Middle School

2nd Place - Matiss Osborne from Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary School

3rd Place - Mercel Bunuan from Richard McBride Elementary School

Seven elementary schools participated in the contest and we received 222 entries.

Green Bricks consulting was contracted to deliver free water conservation workshops to grade five classes that were interested. Prizes from our generous sponsors included a free Coquitlam Watershed tour (bus and driver costs included!) for one of the winner's class from Metro Vancouver, \$50 gift certificate for use at the RiverMarket sponsored by the River Market, and a \$20 gift certificate for the Royal City Farmers Market (donated by the Market). In addition, the City will place an enlarged copy of the 1st place winner's artwork on the side of one of the city's collection trucks!

Prizes were awarded to the winners at the June 13, 2016 City of New Westminster Regular Council meeting. Winning artwork, and runners-up posters, will be displayed at the Fraser River Discovery Centre during the "*RiverFest*" celebration down at the Quay on September 24, 2016. We encourage you to come down to see the posters at the festival!

Thank you to the School District #40 teachers, principals, administration staff and students for taking the time to participate in this program. Photos of students and artwork are included below.

1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



