



## ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECYCLING PROGRAM

***HAPPY EARTH DAY!***

**Anchorage School District and Central Recycling Services are celebrating EARTHDAY by raising recycling awareness through art.**

**Announcing the WINNING ART SUBMISSIONS!**

More than 100 students submitted designs incorporating the concepts of recycling and reuse, for a chance to win a generous prize package for their school. The prizes were donated by CRS, experts in construction and demolition waste reduction, recycling and reuse, and include a \$1000 to be used to enhance the school's recycling program for the top three designs. The first-place design will be seen on the sides of a CRS truck, so look for it around Anchorage this summer.

Congratulations to the winning schools and to all the artists involved!

1<sup>st</sup>: South High  
Sophie Frost



2<sup>nd</sup>: Romig Middle  
Laura Gordon



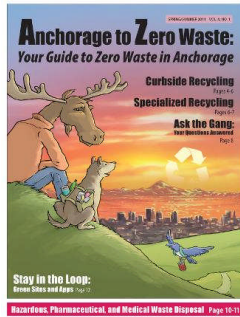
3<sup>rd</sup>: Orion Elementary  
Elizabeth Kosto



### **Anchorage School District reducing its footprint though recycling Students constructing life-size polar bear and cub from plastic bottles**

The Anchorage School District Recycling Program has teamed up with the Alaska Zoo and students from Chugiak High School and Bowman Elementary School to build a life-size polar bear and cubs out of plastic bottles to bring awareness to recycling and reducing our footprint on the planet. The students have undertaken efforts to bring more structured plastics recycling programs to their schools, with the goal to continue the efforts yearly. The plastic bottle polar bears will be on display at the zoo over the summer months to raise awareness then will travel back to the schools to excite students about getting involved in plastics recycling during the school year. We are excited to encourage plastics recycling in the schools while reducing our carbon footprint for polar bears and other Arctic species.

This project stemmed from the Alaska Zoo's efforts to educate people about polar bears and doing our part as an Arctic Ambassador Center to preserve polar bear habitat, along with the efforts of the Anchorage School District to encourage recycling in the schools. In addition to these schools, we have others interested in starting plastics recycling in their schools during this coming school year.



**The A to Z Guide Spring/Summer 2011** This issue contains all the information you need to know about recycling drop-off locations and curbside programs, composting collection, green web sites and phone apps, and much more.

**National Prescription Drug Take-back Day** This event aimed at reducing water and ground contamination and increasing safety within the home by removing unused and expired medications and disposing of them safely.



Bring your unused and expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Be sure to black out any personal information on containers or put medications in other containers. No chemotherapy drugs, no liquids (unless in original container and tightly capped), and no needles. No illegal drugs!

Saturday, April 30, 2011  
10am - 2pm

Anchorage Locations: Fred Meyer, 7701  
Debarr Road & Fred Meyer, 2300 Abbot  
Road

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