

MDOT "THINK GREEN" CONTESTS

The MDOT Litter Prevention Program appreciates the important job of educators in preparing our children to become productive and valuable citizens and responsible stewards of the environment. We know teachers make a difference in kids' lives every day. However, we are interested in knowing the kind of difference you are making from a "Going Green" perspective. We want to know what activities or lessons teachers are doing in Mississippi classrooms which make a positive environmental impact on their communities. Therefore, we were proud to sponsor a number of contests during 2010-2011 to find out.

Contest #1: "Keep MS. Clean and Green" Contest

MS. Educators submitted lessons or activities which they are doing in their classroom to help Keep Mississippi Clean and Green.

Submissions were judged by a panel of 4 in Jackson. Superb projects were submitted by teachers throughout Mississippi. The winning classroom of our "Keep MS. Clean and Green" Contest:

- Ms. Dara Hendrix and her Kindergarteners- Beechwood Elementary in Vicksburg

Contest #2: "Think Green" Poster Contest

Classrooms created (1) original poster and slogan about a solution to Mississippi's litter problem and send it in to the MDOT Litter Coordinator in their area. Posters were then judged by a panel and a winner was chosen. We were happy to announce that we had a tie for First Place. The classrooms who won this contest attended Thames Elementary in Hattiesburg. "Think Green" Poster Contest winners:

- Mrs. Patty Upton's SPED class
- Mrs. Ashley Rouse's Third Grade class

Congratulations to all Winners!

See below for photos and additional information.



Honorable Mentions for Outstanding Projects

Atwood, Anita	Clinton Park Elementary	Clinton
Bebler, Debra	Pass Christian Elementary	Pass Christian
Bishop, Leslie	West Bolivar Elementary	Rosedale
Blake, Terry	Magnolia Elementary	Magnolia
Cordray, Mary	Pass Christian Elementary	Pass Christian
Haile, Jennifer	Frazier Primary	Natchez
Lowery, Berene	First Baptist Weekday Ed	Charleston
Matthews, Michelle	North Pike Elementary	Summit
McDonald, Ruthie	St. Francis School	Greenwood
Sacred Heart Missions		Walls
Schommer, David	Watkins Elementary	Jackson
Stanford, Jean	Sacred Heart School	Southhaven
Tournillon, Rose	Gaston Point Elementary	Gulfport
Whitaker, Melanie	North Pike Elementary	Summit
Williams, Donna	Eva Gordon Elementary	Magnolia
Worsham, Allyson	Kirk Academy	Grenada

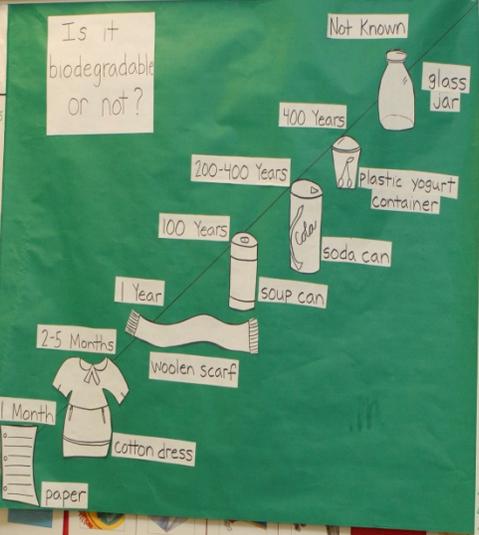
MDOT is very excited to announce that Dara Hendrix, teacher at Beechwood Elementary, and her kindergarten class was the winner of the "Think Green" Contest. Below are photos of her outstanding project.

Congratulations to Ms. Hendrix and her kindergarteners!





K (What we know)	W (What we want to know)	L (What we learned)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People put garbage in a trash can • Some people throw garbage in the yard • Some people throw garbage on the side of the road • Some people burn their garbage • Garbage men come to your house and pick up your trash • Recycling garbage means you make it into something "cool" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where does our garbage go? • Why do some people litter? • What can we do about our garbage problem? • How can we recycle? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our garbage goes to a landfill • Some people do not care about our environment • The 3 R's Reduce - use less reuse - use again recycle - turn garbage into something new • We can use our garbage again • We can take our recyclable materials to a recycling bin



Our Green and Clean Vocabulary

1. environment - everything around you
2. litter - trash on the ground
3. garbage - trash; something you throw away
4. landfill - a place where garbage goes into the ground
5. biodegradable - can return easily to the soil

The 3 R's

1. reduce - use less
2. reuse - use again
3. recycle - turn garbage into something new and useful



Classroom Library





Focus Questions Why is this a team?
How is the team working together?

CLEANING UP THE BLOCK

Lois Lenski
illustrated by Suzanne

Bring your shovel,
Bring your broom,
We're cleaning up the block,
Get a spade
Come and help—
We're cleaning up the block

POEM
BY
MRS. HELEN CLAY

rid of the trash,
rid of the rats,
ken bottles and empty cans;
waste paper and boxes,
ken toys and frying pans.
up the rubbish in the truck
haul it far away;
are cleaning up the block,
clean it's going to stay.





Winners of the “Think Green, Keep MS. Clean” Poster Contest

Congratulations to Mrs. Patty Upton and her students!



Congratulations to Mrs. Ashley Rouse and her 3rd Graders!

