



Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District
"Conserving Montgomery"

March 22, 2023

Montgomery County Elementary/Art Teachers

The Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District would like to invite you and your classroom to participate in the **Annual Poster Contest**. The contest promotes agriculture and natural resources conservation for students grades 1-4th. We want to encourage their creativity about soil, water, and related natural resource issues.

Categories will be: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th grades.

THERE WILL BE A 1ST PLACE WINNER IN EACH GRADE!



This year's theme is, *"Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home"*.

1. **Please select your classroom's top poster and send a REALLY GOOD PICTURE to:
NLHolt@mcgtn.net

by FRIDAY, MAY 12

**\$50 to winning students' classroom &
CONSERVATION SMART GIFT PACK FOR WINNING STUDENT**

The Soil Conservation District has many responsibilities, one of which is raising awareness of agriculture and our natural resources through schools. We also work with Mont. Co. UT Extension, APSU, Farm Bureau and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA) to host yearly competitions for high school students as they prepare for agricultural related careers. Our future generations are important to conservation efforts! Please contact our office if you have any questions.

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2023 CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST RULES

***DUE FRIDAY, MAY 12 ***

- The 2023 theme, "Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home" must be listed on the front of the poster along with the artwork.
- must create your own poster, no groups/teams.
- Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional flat effect (paint, crayon, colored pencils, charcoal, paper, etc.) No three dimensional effects: Styrofoam peanuts, real tree twigs, gravel, etc.)
- must be between 8.5" x 11" and 22" x 28".
- neat and easily read from a distance.
- One entry per person.
- judged at the county level, then entered for state level competition. Only one entry in each category will be forwarded to state level.



One Water

Stewardship Week 2023

The bodies of water in a watershed are all connected, so every drop that falls becomes part of one water.

Have you ever watched it rain? The raindrops fall on the ground and flow down through the soil. A lot of the water we use and drink every day comes from water in the ground.



As it rains and water runs off, it collects in rivers, lakes, and oceans before returning to the atmosphere to fall as rain somewhere else.

We all live in a watershed. A watershed is an area of land that channels rainfall and snowmelt to creeks, streams, and rivers, eventually leading to outflow points such as reservoirs, bays, and the ocean.

Everything from whales in the ocean to frogs in your local pond depend on clean water to survive. Fresh and saltwater habitats support so many different critters!