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Winners of recycling art and truck wrap contest named

MURPHY (January 22, 2015) The second annual Keep Murphy Beautiful (KMB) recycling poster and mascot contest winners were announced at the City Council meeting of Jan. 20, says Candy McQuiston, Customer Service Manager and Chair of the Murphy Green Team.

“This year, the two contests attracted almost 100 entries,” she said. “That’s about three times the number of entries we got last year, the inaugural year of the contest. There were about 60 entries in the poster contest and over 30 in the mascot contest.”

Murphy students in Kindergarten through fifth grades were challenged to compete in the poster contest, and Murphy students in sixth through tenth grades competed in the mascot contest.

The poster contest asked students to visually demonstrate what recycling meant to them, while the mascot contest challenged the older students to come up with a type of superhero or eye-catching mascot that would champion the message of recycling.

“Like last year, both the winning poster and the winning mascot have been converted to vehicle wraps and placed on the sides of the Progressive Waste Solutions recycling truck that serves Murphy,” she said. “The truck will be a daily reminder to recycle, and it will showcase the creativity of our young residents.”

For the second year, Progressive Waste Solutions, the City’s trash and recycling contractor, sponsored the competition and underwrote the cost of the prizes.

Winning second place in the poster contest was Murphy resident Taarena Rathore, 9, a student at Martha Hunt Elementary School. And, the second place winner in the mascot competition was Marygrace Biggs, 15, who is homeschooled. Each of the second place winners was presented with a certificate signed by Mayor Eric Barna and a \$25 gift certificate.

The first place winner in the poster contest was Murphy resident Ava Arvizu, 7, who attends Martha Hunt Elementary School. Ava was awarded a \$100 gift card along with a certificate signed by the Mayor. Winning the mascot contest was Thomas Dang, 13, from Murphy Middle School. Thomas won a mini iPad as well as a certificate signed by the Mayor.

Each of the nearly 100 entrants was awarded a T-shirt for their participation.

“Our thanks go to Progressive Waste Solutions and to the teachers, principals and parents who helped bring our contest to life,” said McQuiston.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. The centrally-located municipal complex includes four buildings that house Fire, Police, City Administration and Public Works. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.