



About this calendar...

The art featured in this calendar is all original and created by students from across the United States in kindergarten through 8th grade. Students were asked to answer two simple questions: How does marine debris impact you? What are you doing about it? The 13 pieces of art featured in this calendar are the winners of the 2012 "Keep the Sea Free of Debris" Art Contest and were chosen based on creativity, artistic presentation, relevance to the theme, and how thoroughly students answered the two questions. As you can imagine, choosing only 13 (of the many hundreds we received) was no easy task! Each of them was heartfelt!

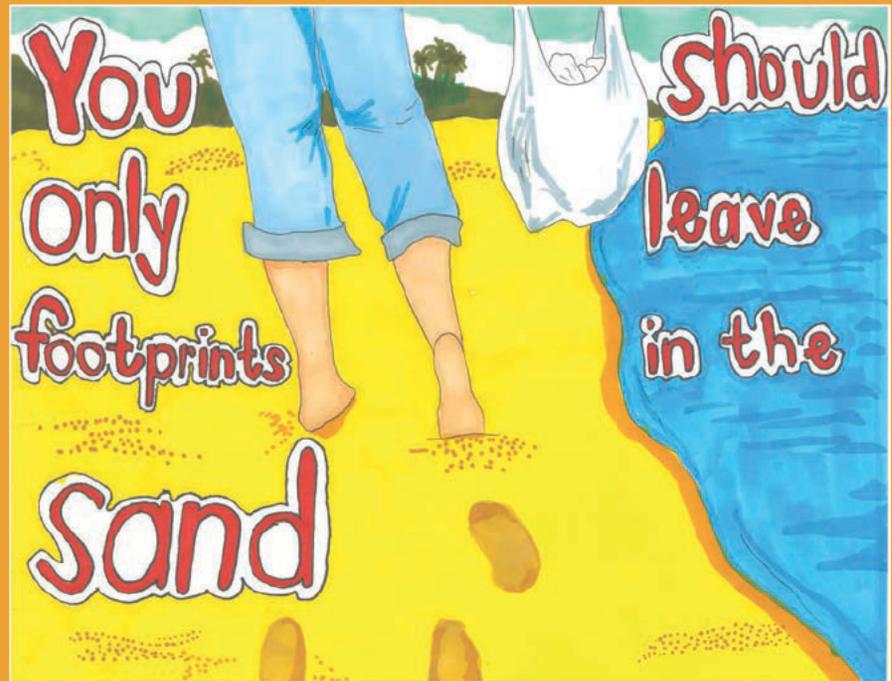
A **big thank you** goes out to all of those students who submitted their artwork to us! You, our next generation, have truly inspired us and reminded us why we do what we do every day—to protect our oceans.

We hope this planner leaves you with a drive to get involved, like these students, in tackling marine debris, ignites or fuels a passion for protecting our oceans, and leaves you smiling! May you all enjoy this calendar as much as we enjoyed making it.

Cover artwork & 2012 Art Contest winner

Artwork by Jamie V. (Grade 8, Hawaii), 2012 Art Contest overall winner

"Marine debris is horrible. It kills innocent animals and they don't deserve that. What I do about it is not litter and cut those six ring circles on sodas and other beverages."





NOAA Marine Debris Program

The NOAA Marine Debris Program leads national and international efforts to research, prevent, and reduce the impacts of marine debris. The Program's mission is to identify and solve the problems that stem from marine debris in order to conserve and protect our nation's marine environment and coastal economy. The Program has staff members positioned around the country to coordinate regional efforts, track progress of projects, lead research, and and conduct outreach to local audiences.

For more information visit www.MarineDebris.noaa.gov



November 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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December 2012

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Calendar Activity

After the year is over, you can turn your calendar into a fun activity! Make marine debris magnets with tips on how to keep the sea free of debris. Give them to your friends, your family, or stick 'em on your own refrigerator. The more people who know about marine debris and how to help stop it, the better!

Materials required:

Scissors - only use with an adult's help!

Glue stick

Ruler

Cardstock

Self-adhesive magnet strips

Instructions:

1. Cut out each picture in the calendar with a scissor icon next to it. ✂
2. Cut cardstock into 4 x 3 inch rectangles.
3. Glue picture onto colored cardstock.
4. Stick magnet strip to the back of the colored cardstock.

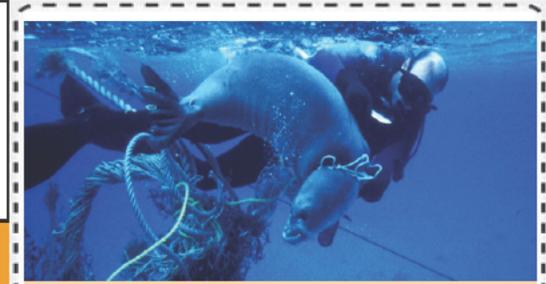


By Natania J. (Grade 3, Hawaii)
Art medium: colored pencils, pen

January 2013

"Marine debris affects us because some fishermen fish in polluted waters. They bring it to a store, without knowing the fish might of caught a disease. I try to help by cutting soda rings in half and picking up garbage off the shores."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
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20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22	23	24	25	26
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Be a part of the solution by practicing the 3 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.



December 2012

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February 2013

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By Faye T. (Grade 4, Mississippi)
Art medium: crayon

February 2013

"My picture is of the beach with the sunlight reflecting on the ocean water. The beach is covered in trash, which makes it look a mess. My second picture is how the beach should really look."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Groundhog Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 Presidents Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		



Waste not, want not. Create less trash- it's easier than you think!





By Hsiu L. (Grade 8, California)
Art medium: colored pencils, markers

March 2013

"Marine debris affects me because the trashes and pollutions are contaminating our water. Without clean water, we cannot survive. I am collecting pieces of trash as I walk along the shore, hoping that one day, our oceans will once again be purified due to everyone's efforts."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
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31 Easter		Passover Begins				



February 2013

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April 2013

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By Meryl L. (Grade 3, Florida)
Art medium: colored pencils, paint

April 2013

"It impacts me because marine pollution brings disaster to the ocean habitat. It also makes many animals endangered. It also affects the food chain. Every time my family and I go to the beach, we always help clean the trash we see. It is very important to protect the ocean."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27
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Reuse what you can. Reinvent new uses for the items you have!





By Taylee H. (Grade 3, Hawaii)
Art medium: colored pencil, pens

May 2013

"Marine debris is bad for our ecosystem. It kills our marine animals and our marine environment. Reduce, reuse, and recycle will help keep our beaches clean. Picking up your trash and other peoples' trash will also help keep our beaches clean."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	



June 2013

"When I see the beach and the ocean covered with debris it makes me sad. It is hurting the sea life and making the beach ugly. My family and I always pick up trash when we are at the beach and we recycle what we can."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
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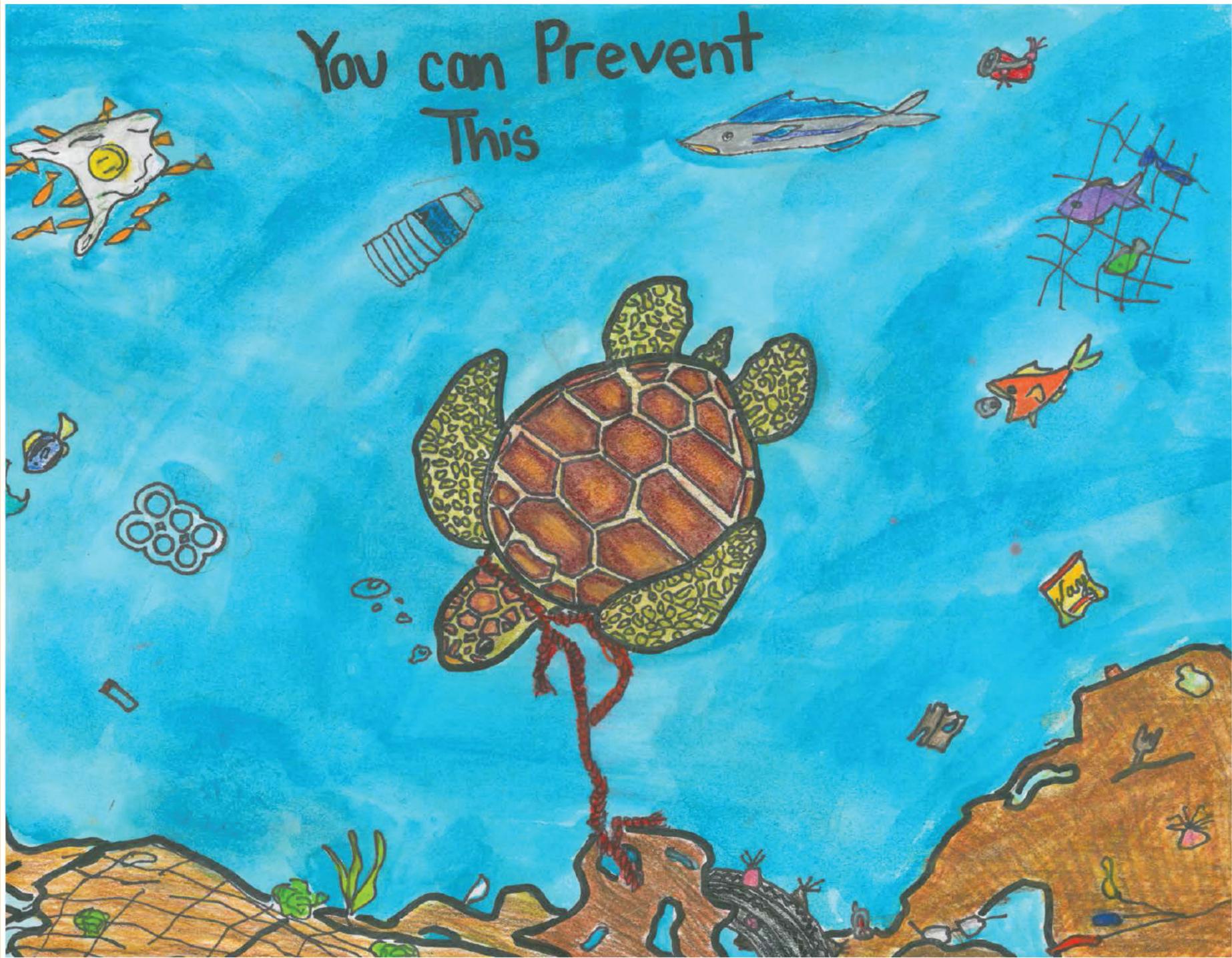
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You can Prevent
This



By Kyra T (Grade 5, Hawaii)

Art medium: colored pencils, water color
paint

July 2013

"This picture shows the results of our choice to neglect the ocean! Marine debris are a huge threat to reefs! Not only do they kill sea creatures and their habitats, they're a eye-sore on our reefs! Our reefs are a natural beauty. You can prevent the loss of them. "

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9 Ramadan Begins	10	11	12	13
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Be a friendly fisher. Recycle your fishing line or throw it in a proper place.





By Landon James B. (Kindergarten,
Hawaii)
Art medium: colored pencils and crayon

August 2013

"Marine debris can hurt me and sea animals. I can tell my family and friends to clean the beach so the sea animals don't die. We can pick up rubbish and recycle to keep the land and ocean clean and safe. The sea animals will be happy, and people too."

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By Sasini W. (Grade 8, Maryland)
Art medium: oil pastel

September 2013

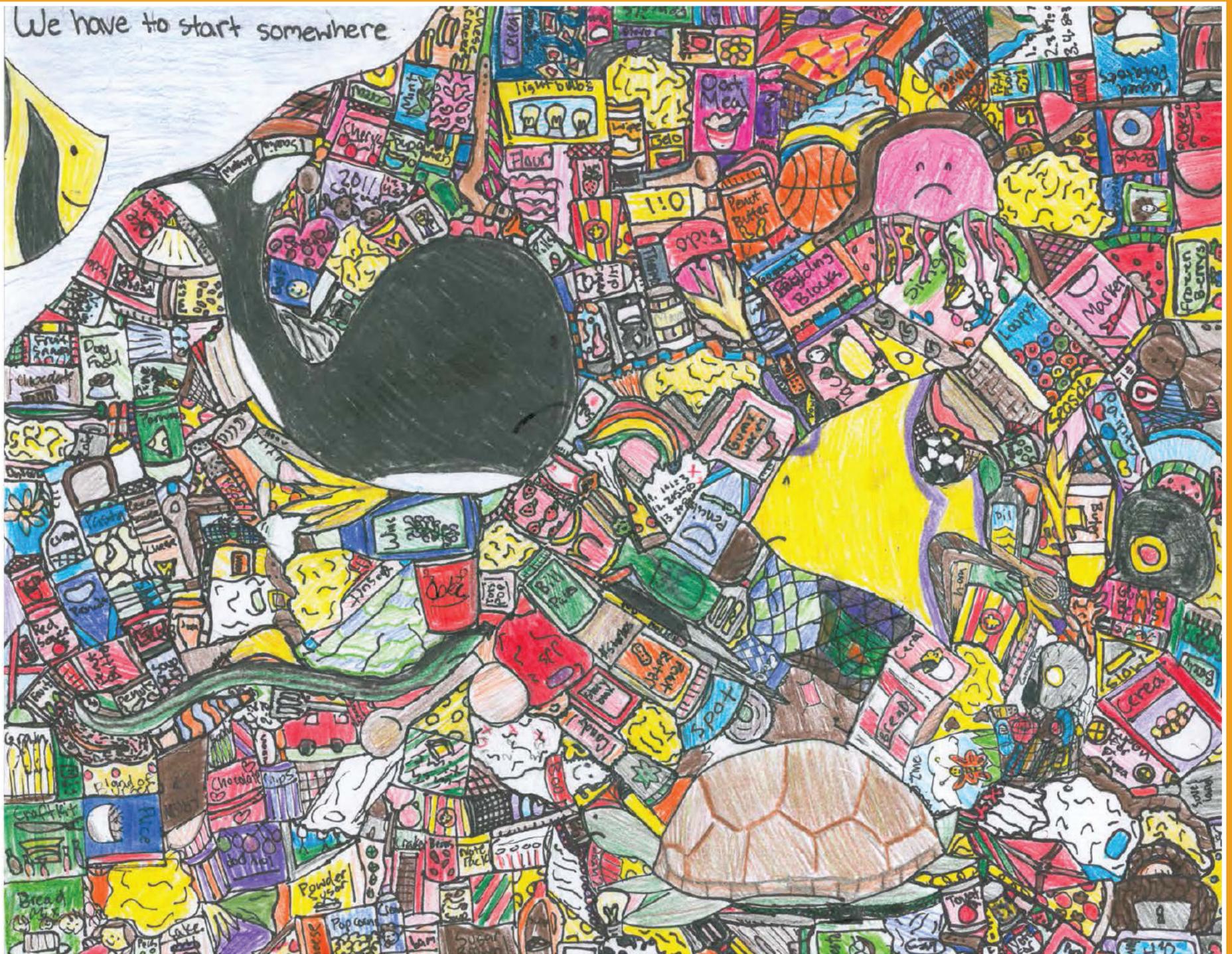
"The topic of this painting is "Let's clean up the beach." [It] tells us that we have to clean up even though we are not the ones that made the mess. There are no difference between humans and animals. They love to live in a clean place like we do."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3	4 Rosh Hashanah Begins	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Yom Kippur Begins	14
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Sign up to clean up! Join the International Coastal Cleanup.





By Chloe K. (Grade 7, Washington)
Art medium: colored pencils

October 2013

"Marine debris impacts me because it hurts the animals, and animals are great things so I recycle and pick up trash when I see it."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
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Remember that trash travels. Don't throw it in storm drains, because it could go to the ocean!





By Teeger B. (Grade 8, California)

Art medium: acrylic and water color paints, chalk pastel, colored pencils, marker, and pen

November 2013

"Marine debris harms ocean life and affects the fish we eat, so when I see a piece of trash at school, I pick it up and recycle it or throw it away. That way, it won't go into storm drains and get to the ocean to harm ocean life."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27 Hanukkah Begins	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30



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By Claire E. (Grade 6, California)
Art medium: paint

December 2013

"Marine debris is not good for [the] environment because it can kill animals and pollute our oceans. It impacts me because I love to swim and surf. I help by picking up trash at the beach. So be smart and do your part to clean our beaches!"

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		Christmas Eve	Christmas Day			
		New Year's Eve				



**Trash has no place on our beaches.
Leave the beach cleaner than when
you got there!**



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January



February



March



April



May



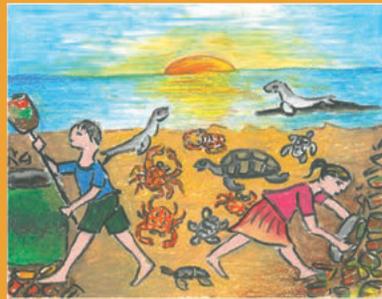
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July



August



September



October



November



December



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