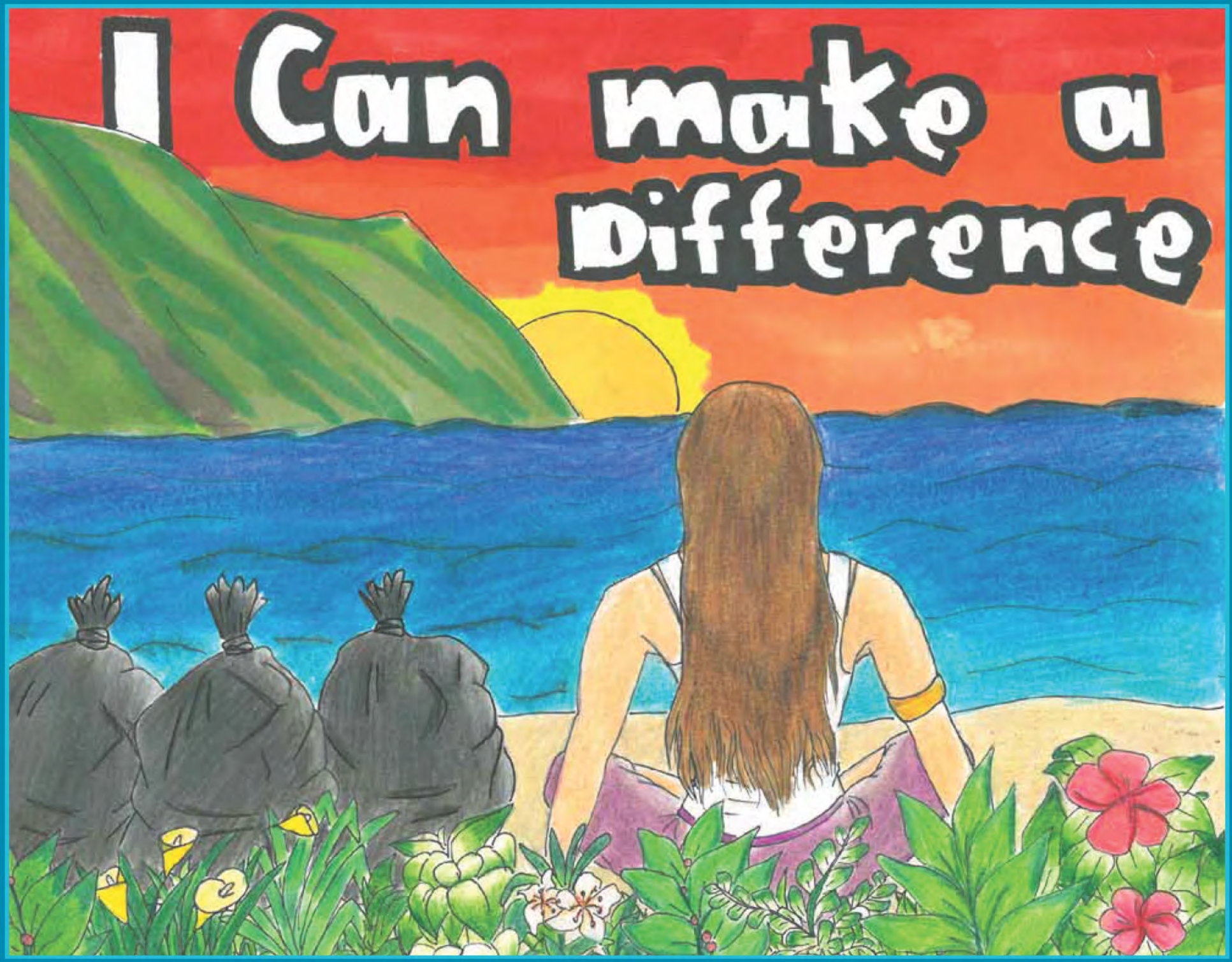

2012 Marine Debris Calendar

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 2011 "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 over 400 entries 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 it is that we do what we do every day—protect our oceans.

We hope this calendar 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 & 2011 Art Contest winner

Artwork by Leilani H. (age 13, 8th grade, Kapolei, Hawaii), 2011 Art Contest overall winner

"It impacts me because it makes the ocean look ugly and dirty. With the trash in the water it can hurt the reef and the animals with it. Every time I see trash in the ocean I pick it up and throw it away. I also get my friends and family to help pick up the trash and make sure our beaches are clean. If people help clean our oceans we will have cleaner beaches."

NOAA Marine Debris Program

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September 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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November 2011

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December 2011

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By Gabriel S. (age 7, grade 2, Washington)
Art medium: colored pencils

January 2012

"I have learned how important it is to put all of our debris in the best place. To separate and recycle as much as possible. Even the smallest piece of plastic can add up. Our community has an annual beach cleanup day that I want to help with."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
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How YOU Can Help:

Be a part of the solution by practicing the 3 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

By Tayler W. (age 10, grade 5, Florida)
Art medium: crayon, markers

February 2012

"I drew a pelican in the ocean with fishing line around its beak and wing. He is very sad that people throw trash in the water. I help by cleaning up beaches."

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 Birthday	15	16	17	18
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How YOU Can Help:

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

By Shannon T. (age 12, grade 6, Florida)
Art medium: crayon, pencil

March 2012

"Marine debris impacts me because I love going to the beach, and the debris causes an unsafe environment for people as well as animals. Whenever I go to the beach and I see trash, I am sure to pick it up right away."

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11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22 World Water Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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How YOU Can Help:

Be a good example! Throw your waste in the proper place.

By Kylah R. (age 13, grade 7, Hawaii)
Art medium: markers

April 2012

"Debris affects the wildlife in the ocean that I admire. Every time I see debris I pick it up and throw it away because I don't want to risk a fish or turtle or whale getting hurt."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5	6 Good Friday	7
8 Easter Sunday	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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How YOU Can Help:

Reuse what you can. Reinvent new uses for the items you have.

By Ellie N. (age 13, grade 8, California)
Art medium: colored pencil

May 2012

"Marine debris impacts me because I live by the ocean and I can see the effects of the ocean pollution in person. To reduce marine debris I inform others about the ocean's health. The ocean can't be saved if nobody knows it needs saving. I also recycle what I can and I reduce my uses of plastic."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 World Turtle Day	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

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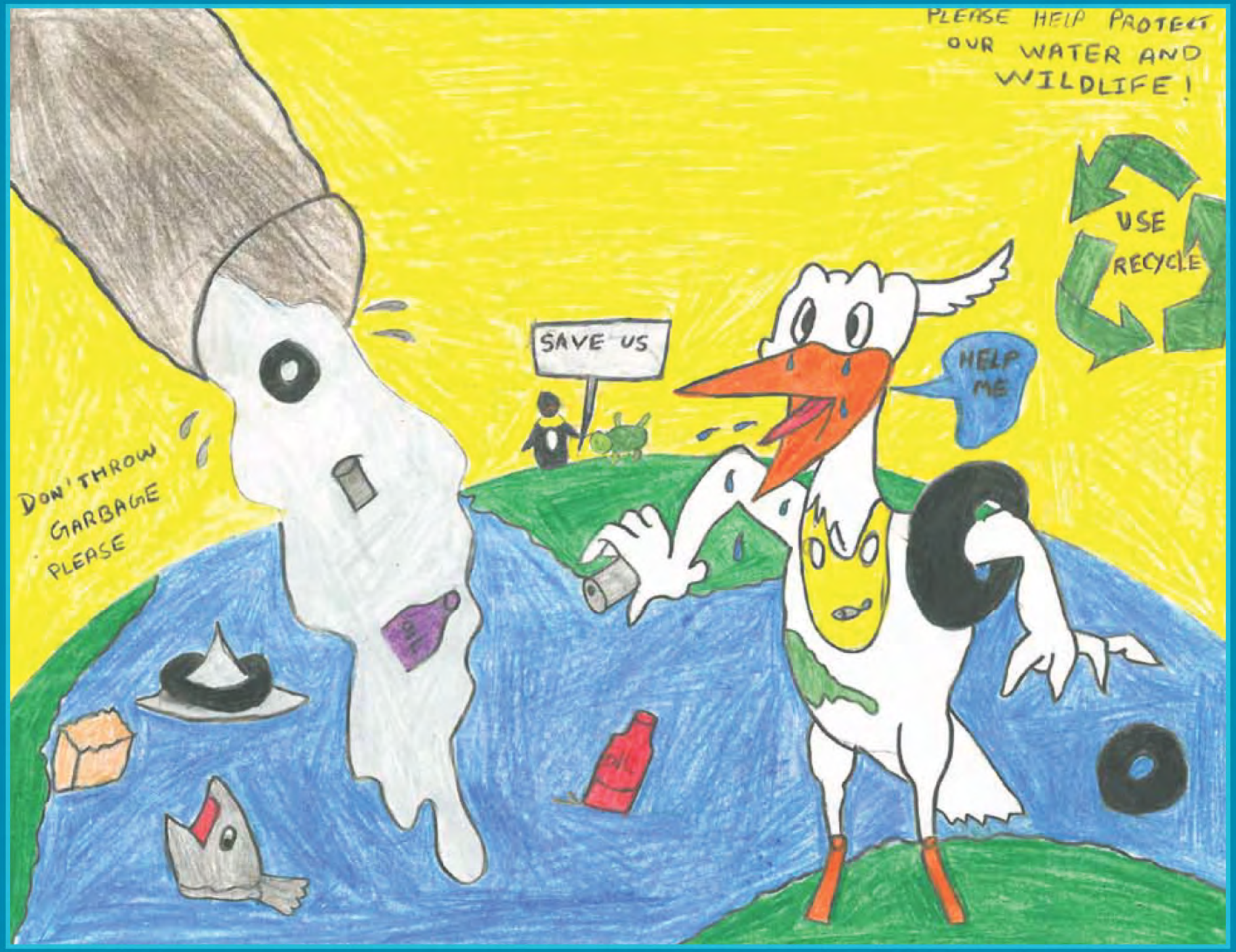
How YOU Can Help:

Remember it's their home, not ours. Be respectful and help keep it clean!



By Krish K. (age 8, grade 2, California)
Art medium: colored pencil, pencil

June 2012

"Everyone wants their room and home to be clean, including sea animals. I make sure that I keep my garbage in correct bin and not thrown around, so that it doesn't flow to sea."

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17 Father's Day	18	19	20 First Day of Summer	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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How YOU Can Help:

Get the facts at www.marinedebris.noaa.gov and spread the word.

By Elaine Y. (age 10, grade 4, Maryland)
Art medium: colored pencil, pencil

July 2012

"Marine debris can be sharp glass. Debris affects me when I go to the beach. I could step on a sharp piece of glass. I can bring a trash bag with me, so when I collect shells, I can pick up trash too! I also can reuse my plastic bags!"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
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May 2012

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June 2012

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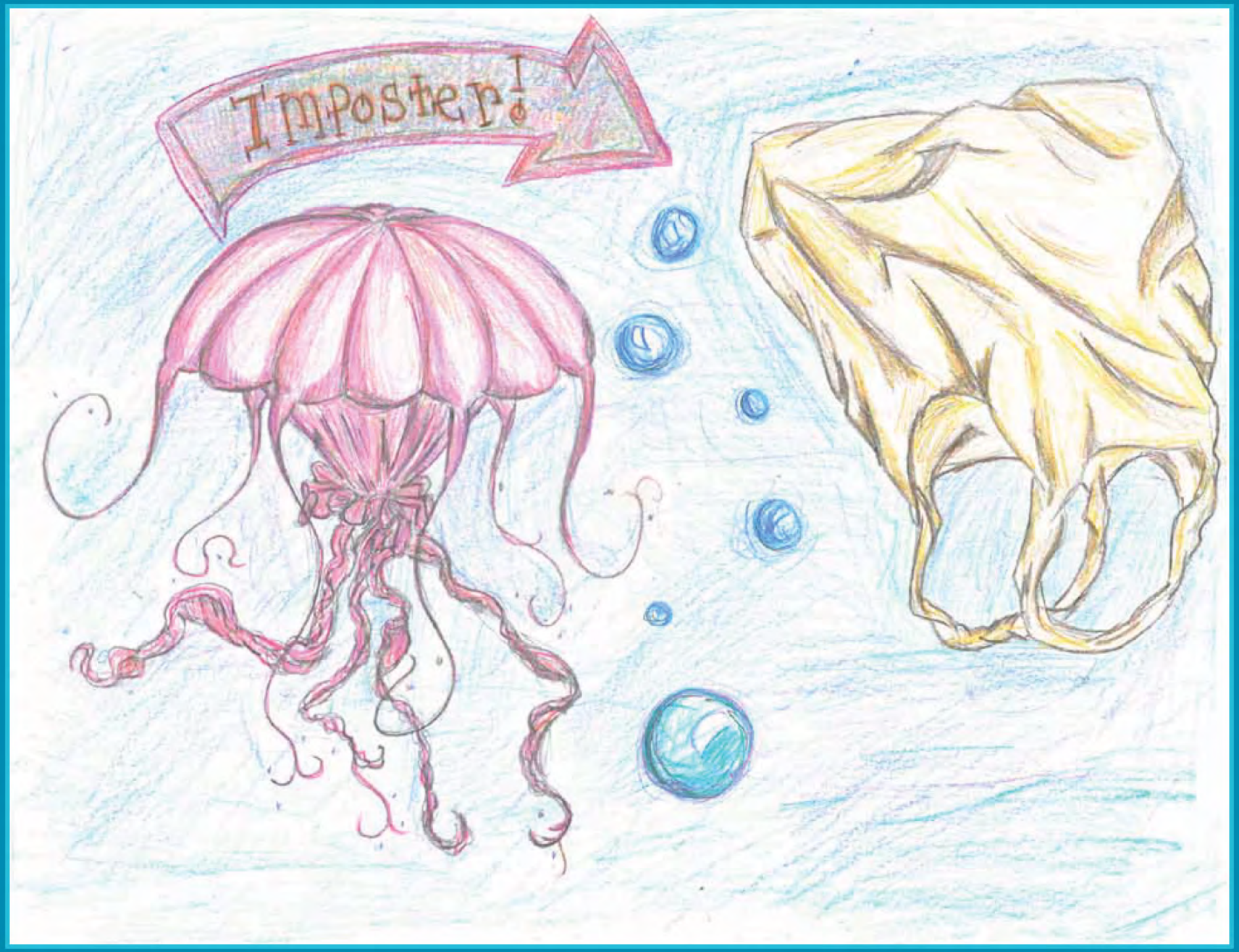
How YOU Can Help:

Remember that rash travels. It can move through storm drains and rivers to the ocean.



By Emily B. (age 13, grade 7, Maryland)
Art medium: colored pencil, pencil

August 2012

"My illustration shows a jellyfish and a plastic bag that if swallowed by turtles could cause serious harm or even death. The thought of animals mistaking trash for their meal is upsetting and organizations like "Keep the Sea Free of Debris" are a great step forward in helping the ecosystem."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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How YOU Can Help:

Recycle! Bottles, cans, and many other items are recyclable.

By Carlotta C. (age 5, kindergarten, Guam)
Art medium: colored pencil, pencil, paint

September 2012

"The sea animals are crying because there is so much trash in the sea. The turtle is dead because of all the pollution in the water. The dolphin is trapped with the plastic someone threw in the water."

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22 First Day of Fall
23 30	24	25	26 Yom Kippur	27	28	29

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How YOU Can Help:

Be a part of the global movement. Join the International Coastal Cleanup.

By Madison J. (age 12, grade 7, Hawaii)
Art medium: colored pencil, markers

October 2012

"I drew a picture of the ocean underwater where the fish are unhappy because the environment is polluted. I think that we all need to come together and become a cleaner world. I love to go to the beach and it is sad to see it trashed. I help by recycling."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Columbus Day	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 United Nations Day	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween			

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How YOU Can Help:

Be a friendly fisher. Recycle your fishing line or throw it away in the proper place.

By Gerald James G. (age 5, kindergarten, Hawaii)
Art medium: crayon

November 2012

"It impacts us because we wouldn't want the ocean to look dirty and we don't want it to have lots of pollution. We are putting all trash in the trash can, plastics in a garbage can as well as bottles and cans. And we want to keep the ocean clean."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Daylight Savings Time Ends	5	6 Election Day	7	8	9	10
11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15 America Recycles Day	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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How YOU Can Help:

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

By Riley O. (age 10, grade 4, Maryland)
Art medium: colored pencil

December 2012

"Marine debris makes me sad and angry because it ruins nature's beauty. When animals are hurt by debris, knowing that it's our fault makes it worse. I'm going to help by gathering as many friends as I can and cleaning up beaches and creeks by my house."

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9 Hanukkah Begins	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 First Day of Winter
23 30	24 31	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29

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How YOU Can Help:

Get involved! Participate in a cleanup event in your area.

January

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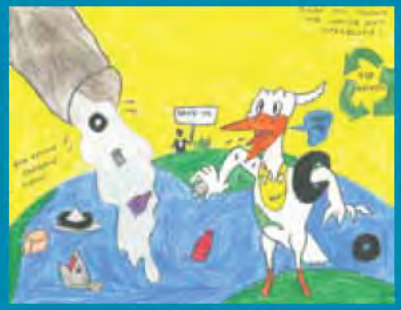

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Marine debris is a problem we can solve together. Although marine debris is found worldwide, we can all help with the smallest actions. Reduce, reuse, recycle, and participate in local beach or stream cleanups. If we each do a little, together we can make a big difference.

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