

Contest QA

(for teachers)

Does the entire class have to participate?

While some teachers have their entire class participate, others make it optional or offer it as a means of extra credit. If you only have a few entries, we do ask that you still complete the Contest Registration Form and make sure the students fill out the Student Label and attach it securely to the back of the entry.

Where do I get the Registration Form and Student Labels?

Information packets that include a flyer announcing the contest, a registration form, student labels, and a rules and regulations sheet should arrive at schools during the middle of January 2009. If you do not receive the information packet, please contact Jackie Floyd at jackie.floyd@mwra.state.ma.us or 617-660-7973. You can also get information at the MWRA's website – www.mwra.com. All contest information is listed on the webpage and all forms can be downloaded.

If the entire class participates, should I sort through and only send in the best?

No, please send them all. This helps us know how many students took part in the contest and enables us to send a certificate of participation to every entrant.

May I assist my students in any way?

We encourage class discussion to make sure the students stay on topic, but we ask that all work be done by the students themselves. We do allow teachers to assist students in grade K-2 with labeling and mounting of posters.

Do posters have to be labeled and mounted?

No, but posters must be no smaller than 8.5" X 11" and no larger than 18" X 24".

Must the writing entries be done on a computer?

No, they can be written neatly in ink. Writing entries should be no longer than 2 pages and use only one side of the paper.

When is the contest deadline?

Contest entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 18, 2009. Early entries are encouraged and should be mailed to:

MWRA School Contest
Deer Island Treatment Plant
Reception/Training Building
190 Tafts Ave.
Winthrop, MA 02152

What if I still have some questions?

Check out the MWRA's webpage at www.mwra.com – click on School Program. If you still have questions; please contact Meg Tabacsko, MWRA School Program Manager, at meg.tabacsko@mwra.state.ma.us. If you do not have access to email, please call Meg at 617-660-7975.



Boston Water & Sewer Commission's 2nd Chance Poster Contest for Boston School Children

We realize participating in a contest is often fun for the students but extra effort and work for the teachers. For this reason, the MWRA and Boston Water & Sewer Commission (BWSC) are teaming up for the third year to offer Boston students a "Second Chance" Poster Contest.

Any non-winning poster submitted to the MWRA's 28th Annual Poster Contest will be forwarded to BWSC for a "second chance" to win. BWSC will judge and recognize additional students for their work.

In addition to the Certificate of Participation awarded by the MWRA to every student who enters the MWRA Poster Contest, BWSC will return the posters to Boston schools along with certificates recognizing each of the participating schools and students. BWSC will further select individual posters for display in its lobby during National Drinking Water Week - May of 2009.

If one of your students' posters is selected for display, you will be notified prior to National Drinking Water Week and a consent form to be completed by the student and a parent/guardian will be sent to you. All displayed posters will likewise be returned at the end of National Drinking Water Week.

If you have questions or require additional information, Jeanne Richardson, BWSC-Director of Communication, can be reached at 617-989-7355 or at richardsonje@bwsc.org.