

2025 Marine Debris Calendar

Featuring artwork from the
2024 "Keep the Sea Free of
Debris!" Art Contest winners

About this Calendar

This calendar features winning artwork from the 2024 “Keep the Sea Free of Debris!” Art Contest. The NOAA Marine Debris Program received hundreds of great entries from students across the United States in kindergarten through 8th grade showing the impacts of marine debris on our ocean and planet. The program evaluated submissions based on creativity, artistic presentation, relevance to theme, and how thoroughly the students answered the questions:

- *How does marine debris impact the ocean and Great Lakes environment?*
- *What will you do to help?*

Thank you to all the students (and teachers) for your participation in the 2024 art contest. Your support and enthusiasm reminds us of why we do what we do every day - work to keep our ocean and Great Lakes clean. The Program hopes this calendar fuels your passion to protect our ocean and drives you to stay involved in finding solutions to prevent marine debris.

About the Art Contest

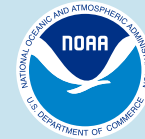
The NOAA Marine Debris Program holds an annual art contest to reach K-8 students and help raise awareness about marine debris. Marine debris is a global issue and we believe that engaging our youth is an important part of addressing the problem. The contest opens each year in the fall, and you can find more information on our website.



NOAA Marine Debris Program

The NOAA Marine Debris Program's mission is to investigate and prevent the adverse impacts of marine debris. The program achieves this through coordinating regional marine debris efforts, leading research, and conducting outreach to local communities.

Cover Art by:
**Juhwan H. (Grade 8,
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands)**



"I drew about how our actions affect marine animals. The footprints represent trash, and the puddle represents marine animals. Shoe prints, which are likened to human actions after leaving the puddle, are ruining marine animals. Just thinking more about marine animals can help."

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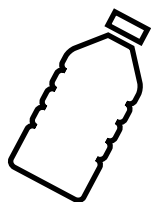


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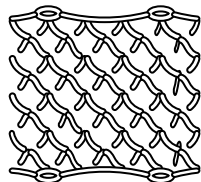
A Trash Tale

This is a game that can be played with two people, but we recommend playing it with a group. The **READER** asks each person (in turn) to call out a word until the blanks are filled in. Then the **READER** reads the entire silly story to the group.

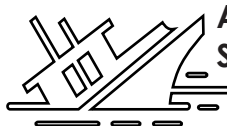
Types of Marine Debris:



Plastic Beverage Bottle



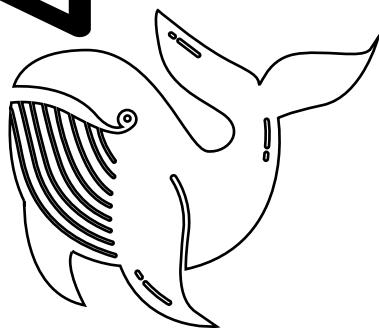
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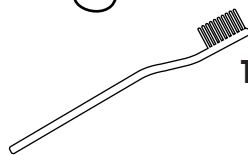
Abandoned Ship



Balloon



Rubber Flip Flop



Toothbrush

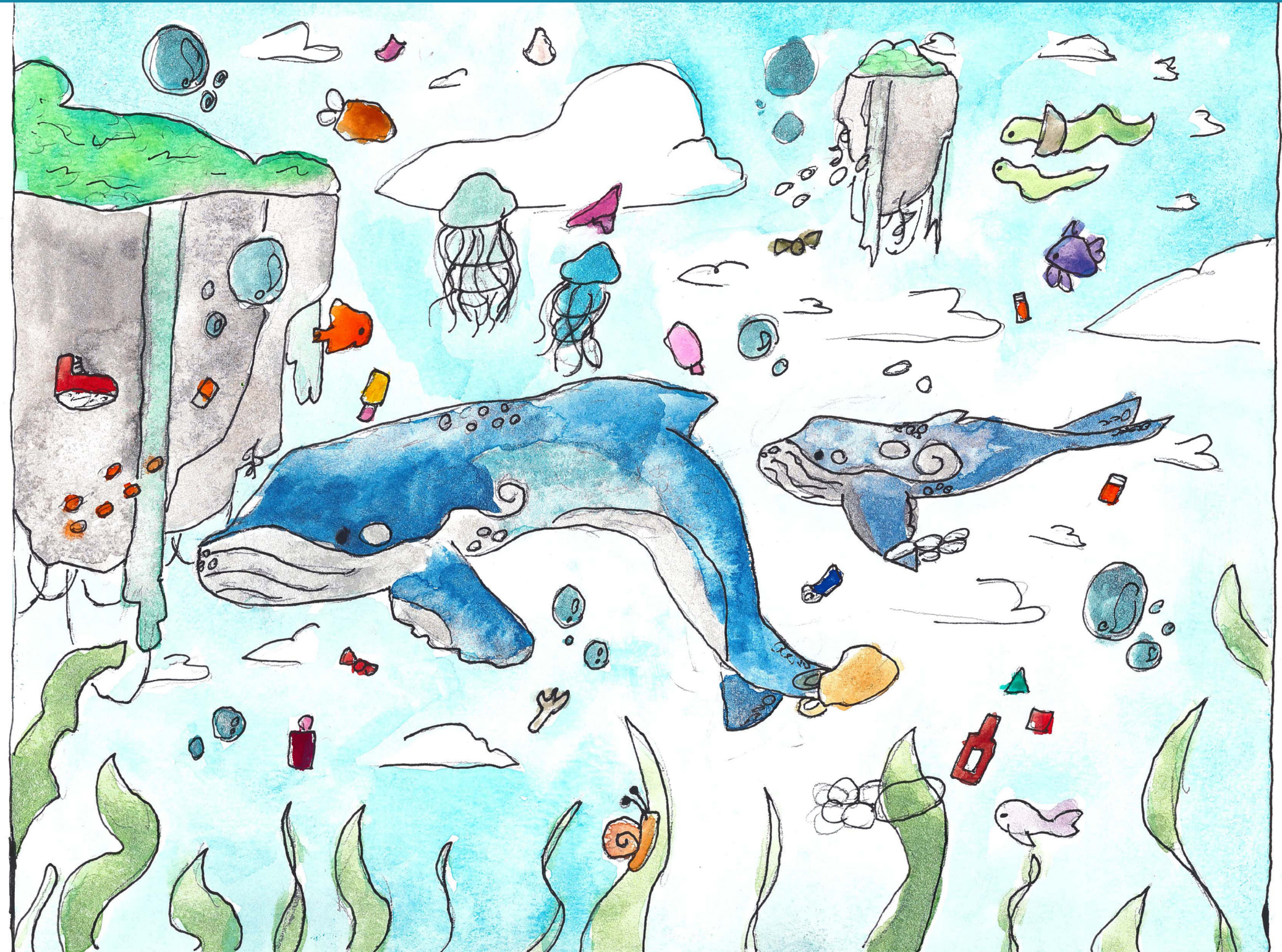


Beach Toy



Piece of Rope

It was a hot summer day. The park was crowded with children, parents, and _____. Anna couldn't wait for her favorite afternoon treat. She perked up as _____ **pet (plural)** the jingling sound of _____ **song title** reached her ears. She ran up to the familiar colorful truck and ordered her favorite, a(n) _____ **food item** with chocolate and sprinkles. It tasted _____ **adjective**, just as she expected! Then, she saw the other kids playing _____ **sport** and she wanted to join. She saw an overflowing trash can nearby and quickly tossed her plastic wrapper on top and ran off to play. That night, it was so windy and rained cats and _____. The plastic wrapper flew from his perch on top of the trash can and was swept away. He traveled down a shallow _____ **color** river until he was suddenly sucked down a narrow hole. SWOOSH!! "_____!" he said, "It's so dark down here. I can't see a thing. And it smells _____!" After many _____ **length of time**, the plastic wrapper reached the end of the tunnel and tumbled down into a river. He floated on top of the water and meandered his way past _____ **plant (plural)**, _____ **animal (plural)**, and _____. Suddenly the water became cold and salty, and the wrapper realized he had reached the ocean! The plastic wrapper sank beneath the surface and came face to face with a giant _____ **marine animal**! "_____!" He floated with the ocean current, minding his own business, and he passed a _____ **marine debris item**, a _____ **marine debris item**, and even a _____ **marine debris item**! Suddenly he felt a tickle! A(n) _____ **marine animal** was trying to eat him! It must think he is a(n) _____ **a different marine animal**! The little wrapper tried to _____ **action verb** away but with no luck. Everything went dark. Oh, if only Anna had taken the little wrapper home. The little plastic wrapper could have been warm and _____ **adjective** back on land. He could have been re-used and made into a(n) _____ **item made of plastic**. Don't let your trash get eaten. Always _____ **good thing to do for the environment** or _____ **another good thing to do for the environment**!





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						1 Black History Month
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
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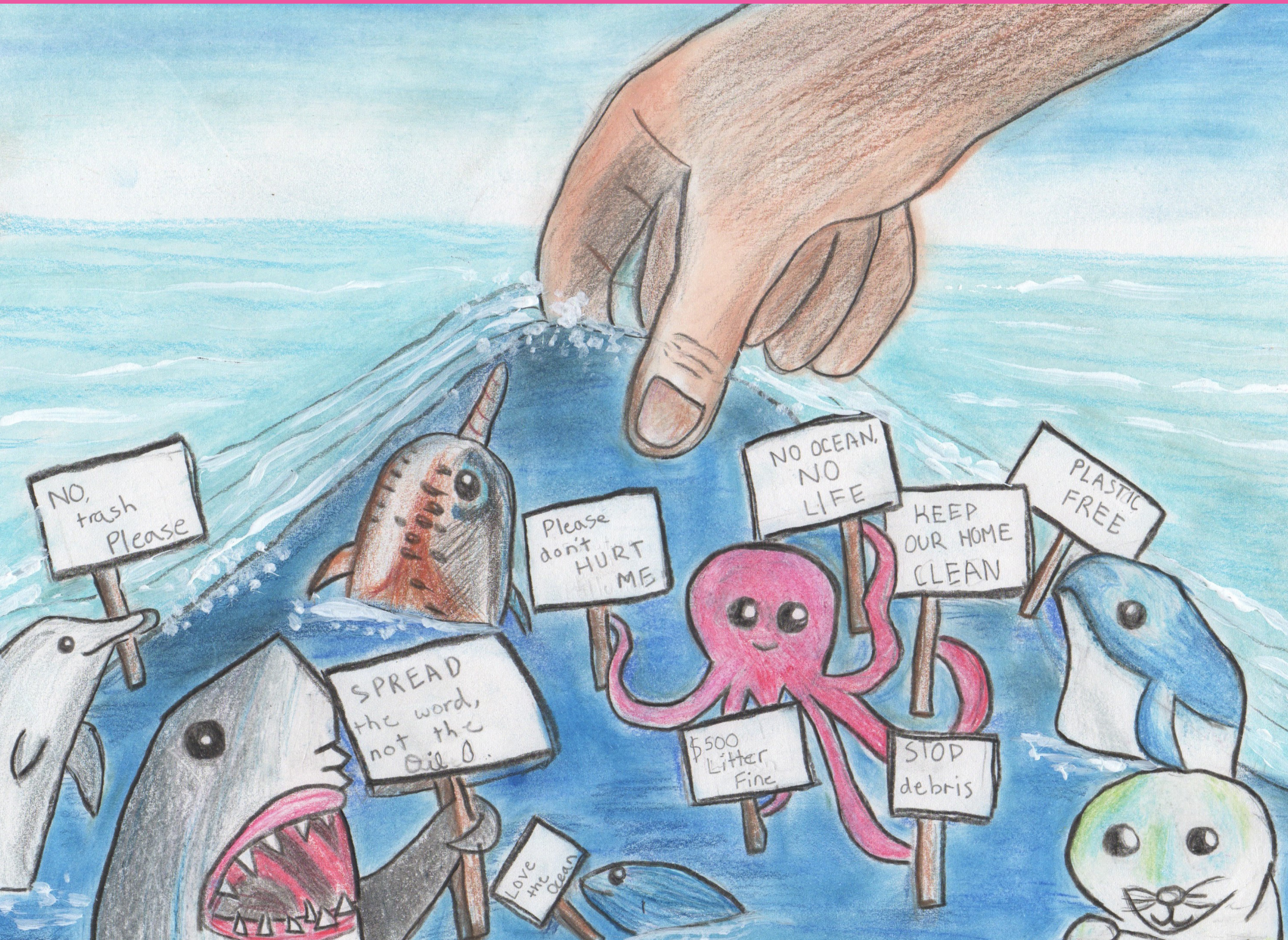
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1 Pride Month	2	3	4	5 World Environment Day	6 Eid al-Adha	7
8 World Ocean Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20 Summer Solstice	21
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	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15 National Hispanic Heritage Month	16	17	18	19	20 International Coastal Cleanup
21	22 Autumnal Equinox Rosh Hashanah	23	24	25	26	27
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Hanukkah Begins						
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Winter Solstice			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Kwanzaa Begins	
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			New Year's Eve			

2024 "Keep the Sea Free of Debris!" Art Contest Winners



"Marine debris impacts us by that it makes things harder for all species in lakes and oceans. Also trash can make food harder to find. I will educate my peers on debris, and be observant of trash around me as it could move on into the ocean."

- Aspen B. (Grade 5, New Mexico)

JANUARY



"Marine debris can hurt sea animals and plants. It also can not make them breathe very well. I should pick up trash when I see it. You should help to clean the ocean too. How? By picking up and putting trash into the recycle bin."

- Aria H. (Grade 2, Virginia)

MAY



"Marine debris, like plastic waste, harms oceans and Great Lakes by endangering marine life and disrupting ecosystems. Creatures can ingest or get entangled in debris, leading to injury or death. To help, I can reduce by use of plastics, recycle responsibly, and participate in beach clean-ups. Simple acts, like proper waste disposal and choosing eco-friendly alternatives, make a big difference."

- Anwesha J. (Grade 8, Florida)

SEPTEMBER



"Marine debris has many different effects on the ocean, but I feel that one of the biggest effects is coral bleaching. In my art, I not only showed coral bleaching, but it also depicted the debris leeching the color out of the ocean creatures. I help reduce the amount of marine debris in our ocean by using reusable bags and water bottles, recycling, and doing beach cleanups."

- Lola K. (Grade 5, Hawai'i)

FEBRUARY



"Marine debris impacts our oceans and Great Lakes every day. There are 18 billion pounds of marine debris that get dumped into our ocean every year. That number will not go down unless we come together to put a stop to it. Ways such as beach cleanups, using recyclable materials, cutting down on the plastics we use, and preventing littering. Together, we can make a difference."

- Ellie M. (Grade 6, Florida)

JUNE



"Vinyl bag is 'devouring' dad fish, and dad fish is chasing after mom fish. Mom fish is chasing after kid fish. This disaster is happening because of pollution, which got the fishes to lose their mind!"

- Geonryul P. (Grade 1, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands)

OCTOBER



"This illustration shows how trash in oceans can really harm and disturb sea animals and plants. Plastic and garbage make the water dirty and harm the sea animals. We can help by not using too much plastic and by picking up trash in the ocean. It's important for everyone to learn about it and work together to keep the ocean clean! Let's do our part so that our sea friends can be happy and thankful!"

- AnTian Z. (Grade 3, Maryland)

MARCH



"How marine debris impacts our oceans and Great Lakes is by negatively affecting the sea animals physically, and putting them in very much danger. This could also affect us humans by having an unhealthy environment and putting their life into risk. What I would do to make our oceans debris-free is to create more art that could hopefully and possibly be seen. End marine debris!"

- Jerilyn L. (Grade 7, Connecticut)

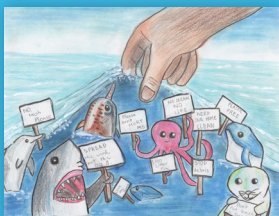
JULY



"Marine debris kills many sea turtles and other animals every day. It's very sad that humans kill sea turtles and other sea life without thinking about keeping our trash out of the ocean. I help keep our ocean debris-free by picking up trash at school, at home, and at the beach."

- Macayle L-P. (Grade 2, American Samoa)

NOVEMBER



"Marine debris impacts our oceans and Great Lakes severely. Trash contaminates the water, leading to a harmful cycle of disease and death in marine animals that affects the entire ecosystem. The loss of marine life impacts fishermen's livelihood and loss of food supply of our society. To help combat this, I will minimize creating trash, recycle more, and encourage others to do the same. Together, we can protect our oceans and the life they sustain."

- Anika A. (Grade 4, Washington)

APRIL



"Marine debris not only is a negative impact to sea animals, but to us humans also. For example, fish consume dangerous man-made things. When humans fish, they may end up eating a fish full of trash without noticing until it's too late. This goes for any other sea animals that people eat. Another problem is the trash ruining the once beautiful landscapes. These problems could all disappear if we put in the effort to do more things like recycle and make sure not to litter."

- Ariana B. (Grade 8, Georgia)

AUGUST



"This artwork illustrates marine creatures affected by pollution, depicting their entanglement, suffocation, and starvation due to debris while an advocating octopus stands for them. I hope it raises awareness and encourages action against this issue. Without intervention, these animals will endure ongoing suffering from human-induced ocean pollution."

- Sahini K. (Grade 6, Florida)

DECEMBER

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