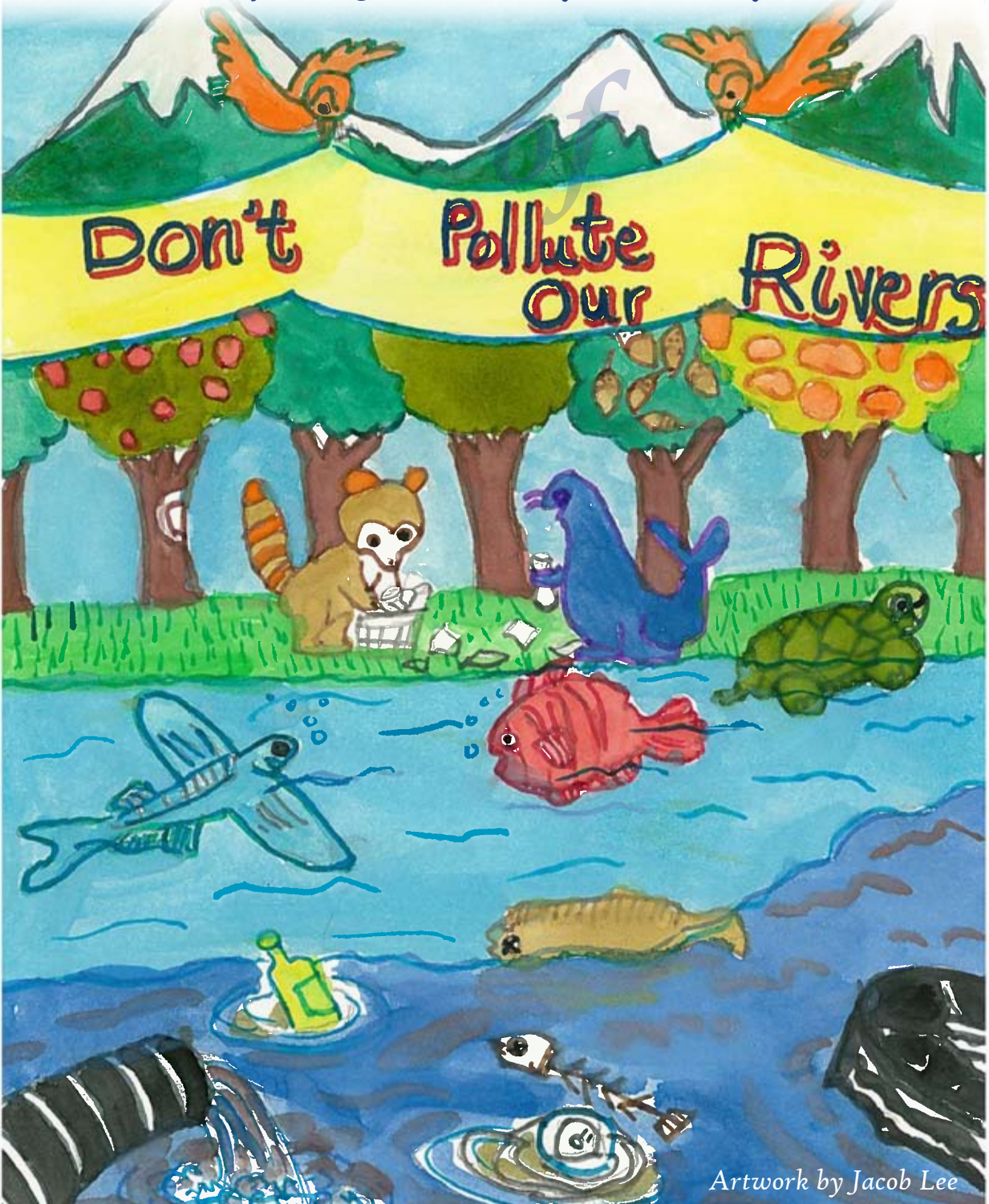


2009
**Watershed of
Words**

A collection of writing and artwork by Clark County students



WELCOME to the Watershed of Words!

The Watershed of Words contest provides students with an opportunity to creatively express their interests, knowledge, and experiences related to water. This year, we selected 96 author's and artists for publication out of 326 entries. Because spelling and grammar add to the charm of this collection, only limited editing was done where necessary for readability.

In this collection you will find joyful stories, vibrant artwork, and colorful descriptions voicing both care and concern for our local waterways and the water resources we all depend on. Throughout their stories and poetry, these young authors take the chance to remind their peers and communities that it's up to all of us to protect our water.

Congratulations to all our student authors and artists!



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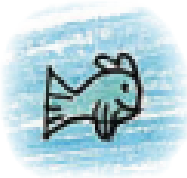
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Clean water is one of our most precious resources. As residents of the rainy Pacific Northwest, we might assume that clean, fresh water will always be ours

for the asking. However, pollution from our everyday actions, such as driving our cars or caring for our yards, threatens the health of our local streams and groundwater. As stormwater runs across roads, parking lots, and lawns it picks up chemicals, oil, pesticides, and sediment which can harm fish and cloud streams.

The good news is we can all help keep our streams clean. We can use less chemicals on our yards, garden with native plants that need less fertilizer, pick up pet waste, cover manure piles, keep our cars well-maintained, and think about walking or biking instead of driving. Even small actions can add up to a big impact!

Our kids care about clean water. Let's all do our part to protect clean rivers and streams for future generations to enjoy.



More tips for clean water are listed inside the back cover.



For more information on what you can do to keep our water clean go to www.clark.wa.gov/water-resources.

Clark County Clean Water Program

Clark County Public Works administers the Clean Water Program to safeguard the quality of our water and comply with the federal Clean Water Act.

The program's primary activities include stormwater capital improvements, water quality monitoring, public education and outreach, regulations and enforcement, and stormwater maintenance. As the county's population continues to increase, Clark County is committed to responsible planning to keep our waterways clean for people, fish, and wildlife.



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My mom and dad took me to Lacamas Lake. We saw swimming ducks. The lake was so clean and pretty. There were baby ducks waddling. The water was a pale blue. I am glad this lake is clean and clear and near my home.

*Claire Lee
Grade 1
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Mrs. Rothacher*

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One day we went to Lacamas Lake with my Grandmother MooMoo and my mom and dad. My dad was driving and MooMoo was watching the big raft behind the boat. And then MooMoo fell into the lake. She laughed the (w)hole time. She did not have her swimsuit on. She tried to get on the raft again and she did not fall off the raft again. The water was clean.

*Emma Brooks
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Iwent to the river and fished and I caught a fish and my Dad gave me a dollar. I feeled the fish. It was gooey. Then I threw it back. I had a fun day with my Dad.

*Name withheld
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One day we went to a lake. We went on a huge walk. It was really cool because trees were "chood" down by beavers. We saw cool birds. There were a whole bunch of little streams going into the lake. There were ducks. They were funny. People were feeding them food. But if that was garbage, it would have killed them. So keep our water clean. It affects you, animals, plants, and food. Don't throw garbage in our water. Would you like to swim in polluted water?

*Blake Hunt
Grade 2
River HomeLink
Mrs. Rothacher*

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Ihave a little creek in my backyard that leads to a pond. Sometimes me and my sisters go there and collect water. We are thinking of making a boat. I would hate it very much if it got polluted. I like my little creek and pond, I hope you want it too!

*Megan Shellman
Grade 2
River HomeLink
Mrs. Rothacher*



Artwork by Timothy Seaman, Grade 5, Gause Elementary, Mrs. Darling

I went to Lacamas Lake. The sand was warm and clean. I like to watch the ducks. Sometimes the ducklings think I'm their mom. I would get mad if people put garbage in the lake. The ducks would eventually die.

*Titus Kovalik
Grade 2
River HomeLink
Mrs. Rothacher*



Water Story

I love to go fishing in the Pacific Ocean. My family goes fishing there all the time. We go hiking all the time, also.

Whenever I skip a rock into the ocean, the ripples would spread out all over the place like crazy. Then, when the ripples died out, I would pick up another real round, a flat skipping rock, and skip that rock. Each time I would skip a rock, I would watch the ripples in the water spread out as far as the eye could see, until the ripples all died out.

*Rebekah Soft
Grade 3
Hockinson Intermediate School
Mrs. Hauge*



One day my whole family went fishing on Columbia River. We were fishing for steelhead and sturgeon. I was the first one to catch a sturgeon. It was four feet long and one foot wide. It was the biggest fish I've ever seen! I was the second one to get a steelhead because my dad got one first. We had a blast! We need to keep the Columbia River clean so that we can have fish to catch.

*Cody Payne
Grade 3
Hockinson Intermediate School
Mrs. Hauge*



In the summer I go to Lewis River for our family reunion. We eat lunch, swim, raft, and play with our dogs. They get really wet and start to wiggle around then get us wet too. Usually at around 5 p.m. we head home. I wish we had never left.

*Blake Sparks
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Cinquain Poem

Salmon Creek
cool, rocky
leaping, rushing, splashing
running like fast cheetahs
Salmon Creek

*Madison Beckley
Grade 3
Hockinson Intermediate School
Mrs. Hauge*

Dancing Sea

Sea is silver
Like the coin
There's a dance
That all the sea
Creatures join
In the waves
Starfish prance
When they do
You're surely going
To along with them dance
In the middle of the dance
Springs a dolphin out of the ocean
Like he has drunk a jumping potion
The last sea creature in the sea
Is who?

Me! *Bridgette Mary Elen McCarthy
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The Water

Water is good for little animals like fish.
Water is good for medium animals like dogs.
Water is good for big animals like bear.
Water is good for people like you and me!
We are lucky to have you water!

*Cheyenna Clearbrook
Grade 4
Washington School for the Deaf
Mrs. Johnson*

Nature is beautiful.
Water is clean.
Please respect our rivers and streams.
H2O is something we drink.
It doesn't just come from our kitchen sink.

Let's keep it pure, and clear of debris.
By doing your part you will see,
just how wonderful clean water can taste
by helping fight the pollution race.

*Jaimie Dotson
Grade 3
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Keep the Water Clean

Keeper it clean
Everybody can help
Everyone can do it if they try
Please, help us keep the water clean

The water will be clean if you join us
Help keep the water clean
Everything will be better

Water is very important
Animals and fish can die from dirty water
Tell everyone to join in
Earth needs us
Really, together we can make a difference

Clean water is good
Lots and lots of people can help
Even you can
According to my knowledge, you should join us
No, it is not good for the animals or people

*Hailey Rogers
Grade 3
Hockinson Intermediate School
Mrs. O'Neill-Bratt*

The Salamander

The ones that I found were at Lost Lake
It is not a long journey to make.

They're very slimy their skin is brown,
They'll turn your sad world upside down.

They must be in water or else they will die,
They are as sweet as apple pie.

As I wade in the water the first one I caught
Would wrap around my thumb a lot.

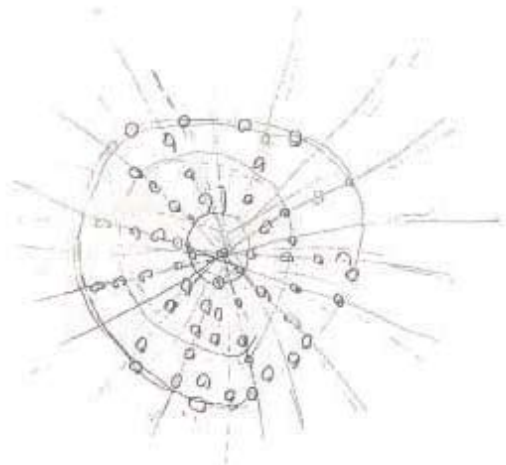
Once you go get one they all move around,
They're very quiet, they don't make a sound.

They live in a group with one, two, and three,
I hope that they are friends with me.

I like them a lot as much as can be,
If you were with me then you would see.

We make a good match me and her,
Just little old me and my salamander.

*Annie Norton
Grade 4
River HomeLink
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*Artwork by Paige Moore, Grade 5
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Klineline Beach

At Klineline there's so much nature all the time.
There are Canada geese, mallards, nutrias, and
lots more!

But there are other things too. A lot of people bring
their dogs to beaches and parks, and don't clean up
after them and a lot of people litter at parks too. And
that's not a good thing.

We need to clean up after ourselves, and our dogs.
We could even do a little extra if we wanted to! Unless
you want dirty, polluted water, and maybe even dead
animals, give our Mother earth a hand.

Maybe we could go back to good old exercising for
a while, and help nature and ourselves have a happy,
healthy life. You could also do things, not only at lakes
and parks, but also at home.

Help make the world be blue and green again.

*Daphne Wilson
Grade 4
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Mrs. Gannon*

To me water is a valuable source of nature because
water is part of everyday life. Lots of people
take water for granted and say or think, "The stream is
always clean" or "We don't have to clean the stream."
Ever since I was little there was pollution. With the
pollution everywhere our planet gets dirtier and dirtier
each day!

Every month Sacajawea students test the stream
and help the neighborhood stream as much as they
can. If we students can save the stream then you can
too. Even the smallest things can help. For example:
you could ride your bike more often, pick up your pet's
poop, and pick up the trash so it doesn't go into our
streams.

So remember, every little thing counts because it
will affect you. (There might not be any more streams
in the future.)

*Brianna McCleerey
Grade 4
Sacajawea Elementary School
Mrs. Gannon*



Esther Kwon, Skyridge Middle School, Grade 6, Mrs. Mantz

“Whee!” I screamed as me and my bicycle sped down the Columbia River boardwalk on a warm sunny day in late July. The sun was shining, there was a breeze blowing, but most of all, the crystal clear water was peacefully resting in a small wave.

“Water break!” Mom called out as I opened my water bottle. I wondered if I was drinking the water from the Columbia River. I had to admit that the community did a great job keeping the Columbia River’s water clean. And I hope it will stay that way.

So if you ever have any spare time, head on down to the Columbia River! Or, if you don’t have any spare time you could just help out the community by not littering in lakes, rivers, oceans, or streams! You can even help out by not wasting our clean water!

*Christine Lee
Grade 4
River HomeLink
Mrs. Remmen*

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The Earth

The earth need water and is good for fish.
If throw garbage in water then will fish dead not good.
The boy fishing get fish can eat fish and be healthy.

*Juan Gayton-Arroyo
Grade 4
Washington School for the Deaf
Mrs. Johnson*

Round Lake

Round Lake is my favorite lake! It is the most fun place ever. You can hike, swim, and go fishing. There is a huge rock at Round Lake called Moon Rock. It is a beautiful rock. There are bees and bugs dancing from flower to flower. Long green grass swaying in the air and beautiful purple and blue flowers.

There is a small waterfall that leads into a swimming hole that I jump into. It is cool and refreshing in the burning hot summer. There is a tiny cliff that you jump off and, kersploosh! Water flies into the air and then lands back in the water seconds later. To get back on the cliff, you climb up a cracked, huge, and mossy tree.

One time, I went fishing at Round Lake. I hadn't caught anything, and then, woaaa! I had a big one! I reeled it in and saw what it was - a large mouth bass! My dad took it off the hook and put it in the water to wash it off for a picture but it got away. It was still fun. Round Lake is the best place ever!

*Nathan Chilian
Grade 4*

*Helen Baller Elementary School
Mrs. Houle*



*Artwork by Calley Mihaiuc, Grade 1,
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Lacamas Lake

I live across the street from Lacamas Lake. I love to take my sister down to look at the lake. Especially when the lake has been drained so people can clean it up, like getting rid of litter. Did you know that Lacamas Lake is one of the top twelve dirtiest lakes in all of Washington?

Some of my favorite memories at the lake are of catching frogs in a pond near the lake. The frogs are huge bullfrogs the size of boulders. There is one frog that I like to call Big Bessie. I have only seen her a couple of times, but she's only the size of a Chihuahua! Bessie leaves pond ripples that scare the little frogs.

The first time I ever saw Big Bessie, I startled her and she literally growled at me! Today, I don't think Big Bessie still treads those waters, because I haven't seen her in forever. But because of Bessie (and the fact that I live across the street from the lake), I love Lacamas Lake.

*Dak Anderson
Grade 4*

*Helen Baller Elementary School
Mrs. Houle*

Lacamas Lake

Lacamas Lake is a polluted lake in Camas, Washington. On the top of the lake, it is beautiful, but below on the lake bottom, the water is very polluted and green. This pollution comes from all the gas spit out by boats and people. Unfortunately, the lake is also becoming this way from landslides and littering. However, if we work together we can clean the lake and stop people from littering. Then the lake will be as clean as a whistle and super beautiful. This will make it a better place for the fish and animals to live and thrive. We need to work at keeping Lacamas Lake clean.

*Jacob Barnard
Grade 4*

*Helen Baller Elementary School
Mrs. Houle*

Salmon start as an egg.
And hatch into an Alevin.
Later when they lose their yolk sac
they become a fry.
More and more levels come.
On by now the salmon are adults.
Now a new generation is born.

Ashlee Rogers
Grade 5
York Elementary
Mrs. Pemberton

Watershed Words Poem

Wash cars in grass or a car wash
Always recycle
Talk about helping fish
Each fish is important
Recycle
Shouldn't drive cars a lot
Help the fish
Each help by helping the environment
Do pick up dog poop
Should ride a bike or walk

Nick Emery
Grade 5
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Mrs. Pemberton

Macroinvertebrates

Mayflies
Aquatic earthworm
Case maker
Riffle beetle adult
Other beetles
Insects
Needs water
Very many more
Eat things that fly by
Riffle beetle larvae
Tiny
Eggs
Beetle
Roach-like
Ameletid minnow
Tinier
Eat
Small minnow

Topanga Schriener
Grade 5
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Why Us?

I'm a fish and I don't deserve any of this muck in my river. I mean how am I supposed to live like this? There is barely any oxygen and too much algae in this river of mine. Fish are supposed to swim in fresh clean water.

I'm a salmon and there aren't that many of us left. We are being caught and eaten or dying from pollution. I try not to think of what will happen to me if I just stay here. I need to move but where? I know I'm going to die soon but when? I will stop in this stream to rest though I don't know where I am.

I'll see you soon or maybe your next meal but for now good night to you.

Lexi Sears
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The Drive

On the drive to my grandparents' house I looked at the sun shining in the sky. It was odd weather at that time. There was a pinch of rain falling from the sky making rainbows. I love times like this. The river was choppy and high. Boats were fishing everywhere. Then the oak trees blocked my sight. They were strong and sturdy as the water gave them refreshment. I looked out my window and saw green plants and rocks. There was a home on a tall rock that looked peaceful in the woods where nature surrounded them. Then I thought and thought about where I lived and said, "This is a beautiful place."

Taylor Stinchfield
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I Am...

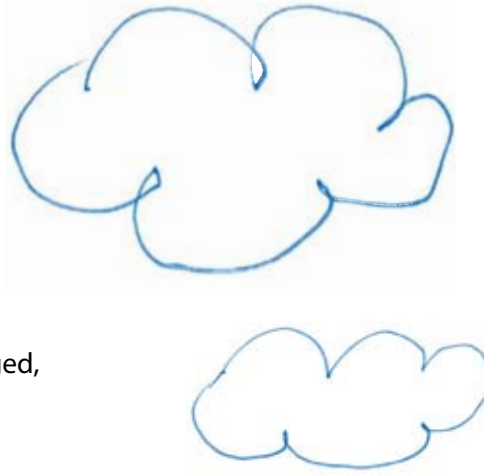
I fall from the sky,
I fall from way up high.

I drip, I drop,
I form puddles.
I can be big and loud,
or quiet and subtle.

My temperature can be changed,
but I'm naturally icy cold.
Some people don't like me,
at least that's what I'm told.

I have my own cycle that I go
through every day.
Every time I go through it,
it's exactly the same.

I am not harmful, I cause no pain,
What am I? I am "rain."



*Jessica Creedon
Grade 5
Gause Elementary
Mrs. Darling*



Minnows
Tiny, Squiggly
Darting, Swimming, Hiding
Prey for giant birds
Fish

*Tyler Baughman and
Kyle Hoesly
Grade 5
Hathaway Elementary
Mr. Estes*

The Cove

As I walk into the mushy water I see a mother duck and her beautiful ducklings gracefully swimming by. A tiny fish swims by with an eagle eyeballing it at the top of a green tree. Soon the eagle swoops down and grasps the slimy scaly fish. The ducks hardly notice until...KERSPLASH!

The eagle lets go of the fish with the ducks scared to death dashing across the lake. The teeny tiny fish swims off in the blink of an eye, relieved.

*Courteney Webb
Grade 5
Gause Elementary
Mrs. Darling*

The River

A big black bear stands above a waterfall, waiting for a fish to jump into its paws. Her cubs play on a patch of grass, pouncing on each other, again and again. Wind blows - swaying trees and rippling the surface of the water. Stellar Jays sound their call, while watching over the river.

*Timothy Seaman
Grade 5
Gause Elementary
Mrs. Darling*

Ocean Water

I am big
I am blue
I am the ocean
Bringing waves to you.

Clear water I carry
both near and far
Giving life to animals
both big and small.

I carry the sand
forward and forward.
I love with the moon
and the seasons.

Keep me clean
for future generations,
so all can enjoy
on their vacations.

Enjoy my beauty
splash and play.
You and I can have lots of fun
in my cool water in the sun today.

*Katelynn Williams
Grade 5
Gause Elementary
Mrs. Darling*



Artwork by Alicia Wallingford, Grade 2, Felida Elementary, Ms. Coffey

Water Rafting

As we set sail for a wild adventure my mom rubs goopy globs of sunscreen all over my face. When the clear crystal water splashes on my arm it cools me down during that scalding hot day. Soon I spot several shady pine trees along the shore. They sway back and forth in the wind. Waves bump into me as if there is an angry mob of rhinos ramming into us. A slimy brown log is in our way so we just head back to the mossy dock. On the way back to the dock my ears fill with the sounds of motorboats as they skid across the lake in both directions. As our bright raft pulls up to the dock, my toes skim lightly across the refreshing, clear lake. I hop onto the old creaky dock and cuddle into my soft towel.

*Hannah Gutkind
Grade 5
Gause Elementary
Mrs. Darling*

The Earth

The earth is a privilege from God.
The earth is not a garbage can,
Nor is it a twig to be snapped,
broken,
or hurt!

Our earth is something to live on.
Our earth provides us with animals which give us meat.
And in order to keep these animals alive,
We need to keep our earth safe,
Including our water.
Animals need to get food from the earth
And drink clean healthy water.

We have plants on the earth
That give us our fruits and vegetables.
They also rely on the earth like we and the animals do.
They also rely on water.
Our earth is important!

*Kailey Dayton
Grade 5
Hathaway Elementary
Ms. Perez*

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I am a gray blanket.
I thicken the sky
with black clouds.
The sky lights up
with gold streaks
that follow with thunder,
showers of rain pour
from the sky
Watering the surface of the earth,
people stay inside in fear
I'm going to hurt them
I am a storm

*Casey Clausi
Grade 5
Hathaway Elementary
Mr. Estes*

The Washougal River

My dad, my sister, and I all went down to the Washougal River. It was so beautiful. The river was as clear as an ice cube. You could see fish swimming around and the rocks at the bottom. The reflection of the sun made the fish look like shining stars, with birds chirping at the beautiful sight. I felt like one of those birds, so happy to be able to be there right now. The Washougal River is a great sight to be seen.

*Madalynn Rhay
Grade 5
Hathaway Elementary
Mrs. Douglas*

Water

Warm with the sun shining against it.
Always comforting and cool.
Takes care of fish.
Eels slither around in the water.
Rain is part of the water cycle.

*Amanda Kaaihue
Grade 5
Hathaway Elementary
Mrs. Douglas*



Grace Park, Dorothy Fox Elementary School, Grade 1, Ms. Cocklin

The Big Blue River

The bright yellow sun appeared above the mountains, the sunlight danced upon the river and just then a fisherman caught a big speckled rainbow trout!

As I see a big fat fish jerk and flutter, I noticed some birds started chirping away about the bright beautiful day.

I listen to the soothing sounds as the river flows right by me, and then I saw a big yellow bumble bee.

The white puffy clouds look like marshmallows and the big blue silky part looks like hot chocolate.

The trees that are so big and bulky look like cauliflower sticking out of the ground.

I love the big blue river!

*Alissa Lenczowski
Grade 5
Hathaway Elementary
Mrs. Perez*

Watersheds

Why do you pollute our lakes?
A little work helps a lot.
The water needs your help to stay clean.
Everyone can help our watersheds.
Rivers don't deserve to be dirty.
Stop polluting please!!
Help clean the rivers and lakes.
Everything you do to help counts.
Do your part!

*Allison Prentice
Grade 5
Lake Shore Elementary
Mrs. Cannard/ Mrs. Sperry*

Swimming

Sunny summer day.
With friends and family there to play.
I love swimming in cold water.
Morning comes and Morning goes.
Mom is laughing at soaking kids.
Is tanning fun? No. Go swim!
Nothing at the house is done.
Grandma and Grandpa just watch the fun.

*Marissa Hall
Grade 5
Lake Shore Elementary
Mrs. Cannard/ Mrs. Sperry*

Salmon Creek Trail

Salmon Creek is a musician
The sweet sound of the birds singing
The green water with fish and animals
The sight of the leaves falling off the trees
The sound of feet on the pavement
Beautiful flowers blooming everywhere
Baby birds waiting for their mothers
Twigs falling in the water
Beautiful leaves that grow on trees
Snapping twigs under your feet
A turn-around break point is there for you
The patter of dogs' claws on the ragged ground
Finally the cars off the side of the road
Nature always says good-bye.

*Annika Collins
Grade 5
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How to Fish

Do you know how to fish? If you don't, I will show you how. First, you have to get the right fishing pole. It should be a G-Loomis or Lamaglass. Second, the reel you should get is Ambassador 300 or Abeu Garcia.

Then you pick what river you want to fish on. This time we are going to fish on the Washougal River. You have to pick what fish you want to fish for. You can fish for steelhead, salmon, or trout. This time we are fishing for steelhead.

The bait we use on the Washougal River is salmon eggs, sand shrimp, crayfish, prawns, worms, and power bait.

The last thing you need to know is the good lures. The good lures are pink with purple tiger-striped Brad's wigglewart, plain pink Hot Shot, and plain black Hot Shot, and plain green Hot Shot.

That's all you need to know about fishing in the Washougal River for Steelhead.

*Gage Cox
Grade 5
Hathaway Elementary
Ms. Alderson*



Artwork by Sky Ring, Grade 7, Battleground HomeLink, Ms. Boyle

Salmon Creek

Salmon that will be extinct.
A great place to have a picnic.
Little salmon die every week.
Monstrous amounts of people come every summer.
Other people come just to enjoy the sun.
Numerous amounts of people come to swim.

Coolest creek for the hottest summer.
Radical creek I swim in.
Excellent place to birdwatch.
Excellent place to take a walk.
Keep Salmon Creek CLEAN!!!

Hannah Hofstede
Grade 5
Lake Shore Elementary
Mrs. Cannard/ Mrs. Sperry

I see, I hear

I see running water swishing past the rocks
I see geese gracefully swimming past
I hear kids splashing in the water and
screaming when they run in
I see ducks sticking their heads underwater
to catch fish
I hear people talking at the picnic
I see people fishing for fish
I love the things I hear and see at Kline Line.

Shelby Ham
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Lake Shore Elementary
Mrs. Cannard/ Mrs. Sperry

Excerpts from "Salmon of the Columbia River"

Blub, blub, blub. This is all us humans hear, but here is what the salmon of the Columbia River are really saying. Shhhh. Let's listen.

"Those air breathing, two-legged, hook-throwing humans!" yelled Sam the salmon. "They think we're dying because they are throwing those sharp-ended hooks into this polluted water! How dumb are they?" shouted Sam.

"Oh, we've heard it all before. Just let it go, Dad," announced Sammy to his father.

"He's right, Sam, and yelling about it isn't going to do anything. The humans will realize sometime soon," assured Samantha.

"Yeah, when we go extinct!" shouted Sam....

"Now, Sam, if you want anything to be done stop complaining and get off your lazy tail fin and do it!" harshly scolded Samantha.

"Who are you calling lazy?" sassed Sam.

"Honey, most of the time you just sit here and read the Salmongonian newspaper jokes," Samantha reminded.

"Fine," agreed Sam. "I heard that beaver Bob has a cousin that can communicate with another walking, no brain, idiot human!" exclaimed Sam.... "Well, I'll have him tell his cousin that it isn't those sharp-ended hooks that are killing all us salmon but the polluted water they have made that we have to live in now," decided Sam.

She stated, "How about you give him some ways to help?"

"Okay, how about they start recycling and reusing plastic bottles that they emptied," stated Sam.

"Couldn't they -" began Samantha.

"Would you let me finish!" barked Sam. "Gosh-..."

Well, we better stop before this gets ugly. Anyway that's all the fish talk I can take and maybe we should help Sam spread the word.



Sarah Kleier
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Lake Shore Elementary
Mrs. Cannard/ Mrs. Sperry

Artwork by Claire Lee, Grade 1, River Homeink, Mrs. Rothacher

The VGSA Creek

The VGSA Creek is very refreshing,
especially after a long game of catching.
Our uniforms get really wet,
but it's so much fun, it's hard to regret.
We only go down when it's really hot.
When it's cold, we definitely do not!
Sometimes we see little tiny fish,
and sometimes we have shave ice in a dish.
The VGSA Creek is a great place to play.
Especially when it's a really sunny day!

Joey Fox
Grade 5

Lake Shore Elementary
Mrs. Cannard/ Mrs. Mitts

Tough to hold on
Use handle
Front flipped off the wake
Nothing but air
Ouch
He's down, put up the flag!

Braden Hadfield
Grade 5
Lake Shore Elementary
Mrs. Cannard

The Columbia River

The Columbia River is beautiful
Children play on the sand
They splash their feet in
the cold blue water
Fishermen wait for a salmon
but the fish never come
Even if they wait all day
Never a bite
The light is so bright
on that beautiful summer day
It shines on the sand
and makes us tan
You feel happy
when you're there
'cause that summer air
can be rare.

Kacey Irons
Grade 5
Lake Shore Elementary
Mrs. Cannard/ Mrs. Mitts

The Columbia River

Rushing, rushing down the falls,
the Columbia River is there to all.
Salmon, Steelhead, and others too live in this river to
share with me and you
Rushing, rushing, splish and splash see the fry playing
in the river.
The Columbia River is very special to you and me
so take care of it and it will stay for eternity.

Ashley Pham
Grade 5
Lake Shore Elementary
Mrs. Cannard/ Mrs. Mitts

The Columbia River

Waves crash on the shore,
Fish jump and the birds swoop down,
Footprints in the sand.

Austin Waddle
Grade 5
Lake Shore Elementary
Mrs. Cannard/ Mrs. Mitts

I adore the Columbia River

I adore the Columbia River!
You can go there with you families, friends, or whoever you want
You could go boating, swimming, or fishing
Columbia River is a great place to go with families and friends
I just adore the Columbia River!

Stop at the shore and play with the sand
The sand is soft and smooth
You could also build a sand castle
I just adore the Columbia River!

When I go to the Columbia River I also see trash.
Let's pick it up and let the River be clean.
If everybody helps the River will be clean as brand new.
Let's make the Columbia River a beautiful river to go boating,
fishing or swimming.
I just adore the Columbia River!

You should come to the Columbia River
There are a lot of fun things to do here.
I bet you will enjoy yourself.
Invite friend or family.
I just adore the Columbia River.

Vanessa Vincent
Grade 5
Lake Shore Elementary
Mrs. Cannard/ Mrs. Mitts

Columbia River!

I love the Columbia River; it's where I have fun. I like to play volleyball and fishing. Volleyball is one of my favorite sports; I like to set up my own net at the Columbia River and play my heart out with friends. Just one problem - when we play we take off our shoes, and we step on glass bottles. I need your help not to litter on the beach because other people respect the beach! So please help and don't *Litter!*

*Ray Clark
Grade 5
Lake Shore Elementary
Mrs. Cannard*

Forest

Blue, the streams
trickling by sparkling from
the brightly shining sunlight

Green, the warty
frogs leaping rock to rock
croaking all the way

Yellow, the bright sun
making the water glimmer
and gleam

Brown, the strong logs
holding up bulky trees and
laying across streams

*Hannah Hazel
Grade 5
Cape Horn-Skye Elementary
Ms. Schilling*

Pick it up!
Sticky, icky litter.
Pick it up!
Plastic or paper.
Pick it up!
Food or bags.
Pick it up!
In the road and sidewalk.
Pick it up!
In rivers and oceans.
Pick it up!

*Myranda Krull
Grade 5
Lake Shore Elementary
Mrs. Cannard*

The fish are far out,
But close enough for me to see,
Boats going by in front of the quay.
Beautiful glass pieces,
From broken bottles,
People on the beach,
Wanting to dawdle.
Friends giggling and laughing,
Sharing a great time.
Splashing through the water,
Not having to spend a dime.

*Lillian Larson
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Water

Wet as people get slammed by boulders making sand for our rivers and streams.

As hard as the bottom of the ocean and cold as ice on a winter night.

Tumbling rocks smashing in the pieces make us wonder what it was like before.

Enormous as the great lakes that fill great deal of space.

Rivers and streams flowing through our towns, making life every year for us.

*Taylor Leifsen
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Rivers

The rivers no longer flow so freely
There is not blue, only brown make believe
We can no longer survive, so pack up and leave
The fish are gone, next is you
So conserve water now or no more blue.

*Taylor Brown
Grade 5
Cape Horn-Skye Elementary
Ms. Baxter*

Nature

Green/blue is like rivers that sparkle in the bright
summer light.

Rivers are made of water.

The earth needs water and so do we.

Keep the rivers sparkling and clear.

*Taylor Billups
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Ms. Baxter*

Litter Bugs

Below a surface a school of fish swims
Even a person could see their little fins
People throw garbage into a lake
Not even knowing what trouble they'll make
A fish will get caught in a soda pop holder
They never get a chance to get older.
Creatures think you're big litter bugs
Treating the water like a big ol' lug.
You never understand what I feel like
Throwing in parts of your bike.
Lesson for today girls and boys
A recycling center is the place for your toys.

Shannon Ahearn
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Cape Horn-Skye Elementary
Ms. Schilling

Running River

River River
Running Wild

Take a break
for a while

I have a story
I'd like to tell

About the times
I like so well

Summertime is
Lots of fun

While I splash and laugh
In the sun

Gazing below
I find an amazing world
Where I can be myself

Anything is possible
In the world below

Chelsea Ormbrek
Grade 5
Cape Horn-Skye Elementary
Ms. Schilling

By the River

By the river, green frogs quiver. Prickly twigs, mucky mud,
waterskipper's ripples, branches and bugs. These are all things that
I love and care. Even a little rabbit or hare. Look, there's a tadpole in the
water. I wonder if it's a son or daughter. Ducks and hawks, floating in the
wind. Wow, a newborn deer, a great place to begin.

James Keirnan
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Cape Horn-Skye Elementary
Ms. Meats

Nature

White is the blanket of snow covering the earth,
and drifting in the wind.

Fish are swimming, the time is near
to go up the river, the river that's crystal clear.
Trees are screaming as the noise comes near.
The chainsaw roars and the trees say,
"Please, please don't chop me down."

Katie Desimone
Grade 5
Cape Horn-Skye Elementary
Ms. Meats

Camas and Washougal

Oregon is next door

Lovely sight

Underwater it is cold

My family has never been there before

Boys and girls swim and run

In and out of the water

Awesome

Erik LaRue
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Cape Horn-Skye Elementary
Ms. Schilling

Birds

Birds fly in the sky
flapping the powerful wings
They flutter and sputter
and finally leave the sky
They land onto the ice cold ground
and decide they're heading south.

Adam Lockard
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Cape Horn-Skye Elementary
Ms. Meats

Our Rivers

Our rivers are a home for many fish
Not for you to throw your food and dish.
Our rivers are great in many ways
like how we get to swim in them on those hot, sunny days.
Our rivers should stay fresh and pretty, too.
So stop polluting them, it's really rude!
Our water is supposed to stay nice and clean
So keep it that way and don't be mean.

Courtney Shelley
Grade 5
Cape Horn-Skye Elementary
Ms. Meats

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Our Decisions

Water lapping on the sand, wind blowing on the trees,
This is the Merill Lake I know
Sand rustling, sun shining,
This is what it is.
I see a little shining stone, all small and very little,
It seems as if it's calling me and telling me the future.
In it I see standing water,
But all of it is polluted,
Brown as musk, and algae bloom,
But not a single creature.
The fish are lying on the bank, and give me a great shiver,
All the trees are gone I see, and no happiness is there.
The sun shining blazing hot, on this not so happy place.
And then I realize once and for all,
Us humans did this, and this could happen even here,
In our own Clark County.
I take eyes off and look around,
And stop looking into the future,
Then I see the gleaming crystal lake,
All bright and all a-shimmer.
I ponder and think a bit.
I say to myself,
"I have to stop this from coming in the future."
This is why I have written to you, and to the behalf of every
other creature. In order to stop this, we must fight back,
For we are the ones that **can** change the future.
If we wish to let everybody in this world be happy
And have fun,
We need help from everyone.

Victoria Josephine Pisarek
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Mrs. Gannon

Long Beach

Oceans and always big
They don't get small
Every tide
The ocean erupts
Because the wind blows
It looks like
Hurricane Katrina
Big waves crushing down
The houses
I like to go to Long Beach
Because I remember my uncle

He died in the ocean
Karsy Eram
Grade 5
Marrion Elementary School
Ms. Mos, ELL

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Lewis River

My favorite river
Flows along gently and peacefully
I jump in its coolness and splash
around.
Looking down, I see fish clearing trying
to nibble
at my toes.
Looking up, I am shaded by the tall and
beautiful Evergreens.
The Lewis River,
my favorite river.

Briere Lohnes
Grade 5
BG HomeLink
Mrs. Boyle

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The Life of a Salmon

I'm swimming
I'm jumping
I'm going upstream
Look there's a Bear
I better not scream
Jumping through waterfalls
Going through currents
I'm done with my ride
It's time to lay eggs
Goodbye Goodbye

Taylor Easterly
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Mrs. Gannon



By polluting our
water you're polluting
our lives.

Kourtney Edington, La Center Elementary School, Grade 2, Ms. Reser

Water Wild

Crickets at the end of each day by the stream in the weeds softly chiming.

Rivers by a restaurant where I hear the trickling of the river as I am dining.

Elaborate music playing in the garden by the creek we dance, papa, mama, and me.

Echoing in the cave with a pond inside and green grass outside, he echoes just he.

Kind, gentle, smooth on my hands we are in love, the wild water and me.

*Tatiana Lusk
Grade 5
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Mrs. Boyle*

Water

Water is wet and

Water is cold with

Dripping and dropping and

Plipping and plopping.

The water is lapping at my door and the water is tapping on the floor.

Drip, drop,

Plip, plop,

The leak is in the roof,

The water is trying with all its might, trying, trying, trying to get in.

Luckily my house is sound and

Tight so water will not pour in.

*Olivia Moehnke
Grade 5
Battle Ground
HomeLink*

Water

Water, so radiant and graceful as a bee.
Big fish small fish and some you can't even see.
Small fish are quick and radiant.
Big fish are slow, but elegant.
Both are unique in different ways.
Water is quite flashy like a Blue Jay.

Jonathan Wilhelm
Grade 6
Battle Ground HomeLink
Mrs. Boyle

My Special Place

I hear ducks going splish-splash
As I dash through the trees
to my special little place.
My special little place; It's clear,
and sparkly as the cold water slaps
Against the moss covered rocks. I also
hear the lively river babbling sweet,
quick songs. I also see the brightly
colored fish, and all the other marine
life, swimming full of life through
the water.
When I get to my special place
I look down, then shake my head.
It's a pop can. I pick it up
and put it away.
There now it's my
perfect little secret place.

Karyssa Kemp
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Pleasant Valley Middle School
Mrs. Pace

Bad Water

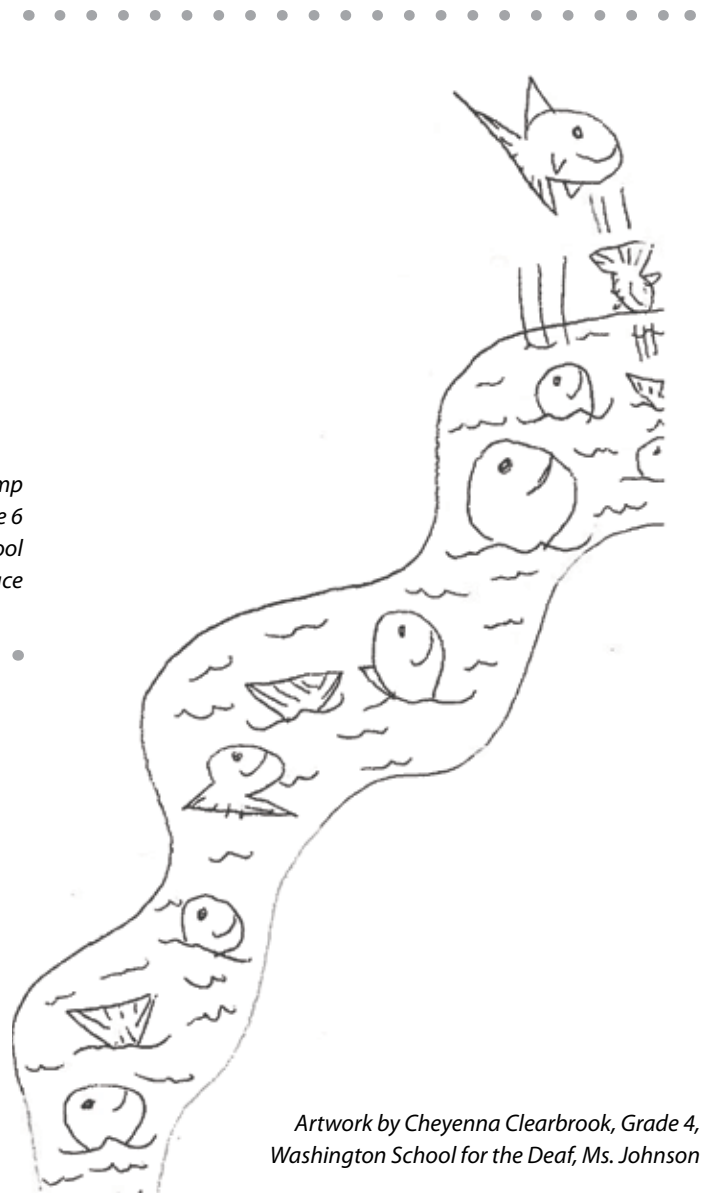
The water is bad
because of pollution
Oh no!
Come on people
Let's work together
to save fish and other sea
animals!

Pietr Kiefer
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Pleasant Valley Middle School
Mrs. Pace

Rivers

Riverside is the best place to be.
It makes me all happy with glee.
Very calming at a sight.
Everyone stays there till night.
Riverside is the best place to be.
So come along on a trip with me.

Adrie Bickley
Grade 6
Pleasant Valley Middle School
Mrs. Pace



Artwork by Cheyenna Clearbrook, Grade 4,
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Salmon Creek

One day, a 95-degree Sunday, my softball team and I had just finished playing our fourth game of the tournament. We were all very hot and tired. We had lost the last game and the one before it. We were all getting discouraged. We were all sitting under a tent watching another game when all the sudden a girl yelled, "Dad will you take us down to the creek!" He answered sure so there were 13 girls swimming in the creek all in black jerseys and sliding shorts. We won the next game, and then won the tournament.

Bailee Blechschmidt
6th Grade
Pleasant Valley Middle School
Mrs. Thompson

A Ride of a Lifetime

The cold water glistens
as it rolls onto shore,
taking pebbles back and forth.
Up little ripples,
fish follow.
They're in the mood for a ride,
a ride of a lifetime.
Soon the lake is calm.
The ride has ended.

Kaitlyn Brown
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Mrs. Boyle

Battle Ground Lake

The fish will not chew
They will not take the fish bait
Silently I wait

I drink some soda
I start to feel a drizzle
Then my line wiggles

I feel a fish bite
Swiftly I jerk on the line
A bass drenched in grime

It makes me so sad
To see all this pollution
Start a solution!

Justin Barnes
Grade 6
Battle Ground HomeLink
Mrs. Boyle



Battle Ground Lake

The water is calm as I walk to Battleground Lake. I walk to the dock. I hear frogs croaking, herons talking, birds singing, and I hear an eagle flying in circles waiting for prey. I cast my line. I hear the splash. Then I wait and wait and wait.

I see an eagle and an osprey fighting over a salmon. I see a duck and ducklings play in the water swimming in a figure eight.

Finally two hours of waiting I feel the tug, I yank up the pole and I reel in. The fish is strong as it swims for its life. It pulls me closer to the edge, I yank hard again and again. I see it flip and flop in the air, it goes down and back up.

By now I was attracting the attention of the fighting osprey and eagle. They fly straight towards me. Finally I let go of the pole and the pole sinks away. I quickly grab it before it totally is gone and pull with all my might and find out it was only a goldfish.

Eric Cole
Grade 6
Pleasant Valley Middle School
Mrs. Thompson



Fish vs. Children

A school of fish swim to the beach
A school of children ride to the beach.
A school of fish swim around
A school of children kick a ball on the ground.
A school of fish look for a meal
A school of children snack on a treat.
A school of fish drift up with the tide
A school of children drop some paper
A school of fish eat some interesting food
A school of children leave the beach
A school of fish leave the earth.

*Aaron Abeson
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It's Not Just a River

It's not just a long flowing ribbon in your yard,
It's a home.
Many beautiful animals stay there, too.
It's not just a home,
It's a fabulous glittering fountain in which
magnificent creatures drink.
It's not just a fountain,
It's a crib that sparkling ruby eggs sleep and grow in.
It's not just a crib, it's what keeps all of the animals
here alive.
So next time you throw a bottle or can,
Think twice,
It's not just a river.

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My Lake

My lake is a wonderful place.
It may be mucky and gross but I love it just as much,
And if any large amount of oil or gas were to spill into it,
it would break my heart.
My lake has lots of fish –
lots and lots of fish.
There's bluegill, croppy, perch, bass, and catfish.
Now I think you can understand why I love my lake..

*Tristan Decker
Grade 6
Battle Ground HomeLink
Mrs. Boyle*

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Watershed Poem

Two birds
One little, one big
A mommy and her child
The little bird said to his mommy: Why is the river sick?
And his mommy said: Because the people hurt it, my darling one.
Why do the people hurt it, mommy?
I don't think they mean to, my precious one. It's the choices they make.
What choices do they make?
To litter and pollute. They are killing the river, little one. Soon they will kill the earth.
Why am I crying mommy?
You are sad that our home is dying. Don't cry, my little child.
Who will stop the murderers, mommy?
Don't worry people are trying – people are trying.
Will they succeed?
No one knows. But I will tell you what I know. I know that if everyone tried to save the rivers, and
the earth, then they will succeed – only then will they succeed.
The birds sat in silence staring at the river.
Such a sad, sad sight to behold, for the river was dying as the mommy had told.
Save the rivers. Save the planet.

*Natalie Hendren
Daybreak Middle School
Grade 8
Mrs. Smith*

Cedar Creek

It is a small creek going through
Amboy,
If you are ever bored,
It's always there for you
to rest and have fun with friends
You can fish, crawdad fish, and swim
But the water is usually cold
Or you can just sit and relax
That is why I like Cedar Creek

*Tate Brown
Grade 8
Battle Ground HomeLink
Mrs. Boyle*

My problems appear
Crystal clear
As I draw close to the stream

In solitude I walk
No reason to talk
I'm free to dream

Intently gazing
Happily lazing
I bask in the sunshine's beam

Leaving the lake
I've enjoyed my break
Now I can take on anything

*Lana Ferris
Grade 8
Home school
Marya Ferris*

The Source of Life

Water is the source of life. Take that source away and there is no life. For water is in the ground that we walk on, it is in the air that we breathe, and it is in the very molecules that make up our bodies. Take away the water in our body, and we are nothing but dust.

*Hannah VanOsdel
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Gilly the Rebellious Frog

In the town of Red Wood there is a creek that weaves between the cherry trees and apple orchards. The creek was divided by a wall of rocks that would sparkle when the summer sun hit them just right. On that side there lived a little frog named Gilly. She had a big heart but was rebellious and determined.

She was never allowed on the other side of the rocks because no one knew what was over there, and no one had the guts to go and find out. That all changed one day when Gilly's mother was busy tidying up the lily pad and Gilly was left wallowing around in the creek. She found herself facing the rock wall looking at it in awe. Without much thought she squeezed herself between a crevice in the wall and couldn't believe what she saw on the other side. Appalled at the major difference that there was between both sides of the creek, she knew something had to be done. This side was dirty and filled with garbage and the once sparkling rocks were blotted out from the murky water. She knew something had to be done. She got out of there as fast as she could.

Gilly gathered up the community members and explained to them what was happening on the other side of the rocks. Even though you can't see it you can't get rid of it. That side is still part of the creek and a part of their home. They all decided to pitch in and get the other side of the creek cleaned up. Now both sides of the rocks sparkled in the summer sun and their community has expanded and are living all over the creek. Even in the once forgotten empty side. The creek is well maintained and everyone is happy.

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YOUR ACTIONS



DETERMINE THE VIEW!

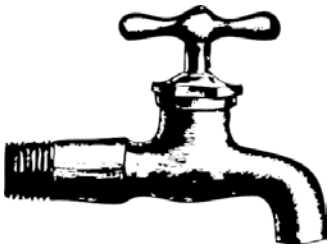
Yuliya Stukova, Daybreak Middle School, Grade 8, Ms. Smith

Magical Music Maker

The summer is upon me
as I sit, gazing
at the glorious view.
Trees swaying, water passing by
and dear ones close at hand.
I'll never forget that day.
Never had I seen a view so beautiful - so
picturesque.
Those were the days,
sitting by the Lewis River.
Birds chirping, friendly whispers.
The last goodbyes before summer comes.
Sun shining,
we all played games by the river
beautiful, blue body that it was.
It burbled and burped

as we played "Frisbee" and "tag."
And then there were the couples,
sitting sweetly on the benches next to the river
looking toward the trees.
A giggle now and then
but mostly just nature singing her sweet tune.
The lullaby so embedded in my brain,
makes me think of the time that's passed
and the times to come.
Sitting there,
a loved one so near
listening to nature sing her magical melody.

Krista Davis
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Clean water depends on all of us!

Many of our everyday activities can have a dramatic impact on our water resources. Rainwater flowing across the ground picks up contaminants and carries them to storm drains and ditches and, eventually, into our streams and groundwater. These contaminants can include oil and antifreeze, pesticides and fertilizers, pet waste, sewage from failing septic systems and even sediment from construction and land clearing. You can make a difference and help protect our water. It's simple!

Remember, NEVER dump anything down a storm drain or in a ditch! The water running into storm drains is not treated and goes directly to streams.

In the Car

- ◆ Use a commercial carwash or wash your car over grass with phosphorus-free, non-toxic soap.
- ◆ Maintain your vehicle and fix leaks promptly.

In the Yard

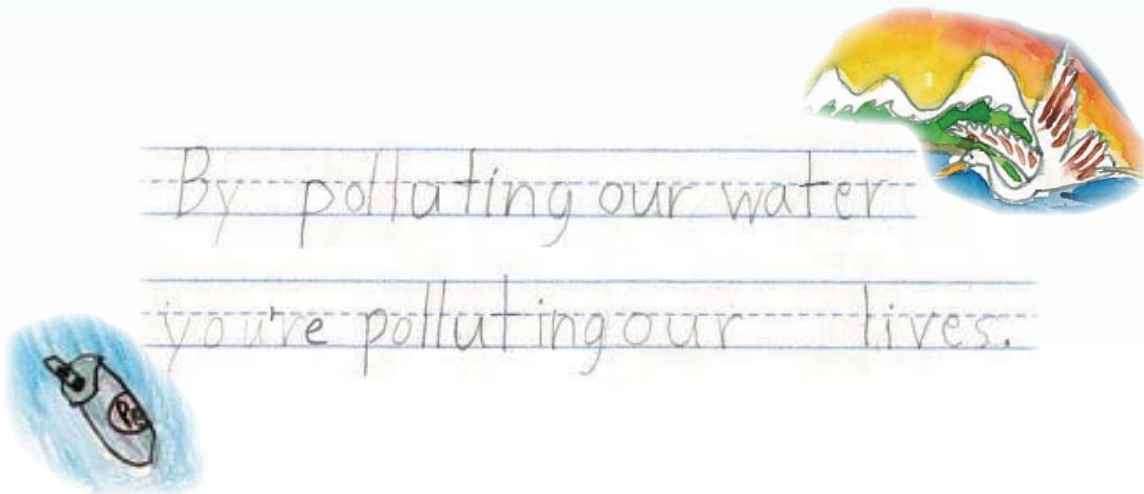
- ◆ Compost weeds or recycle yard debris. Pull weeds by hand instead of using chemicals.
- ◆ Reduce the need for fertilizers and pesticides by planing native plants.
- ◆ Use mulch or natural ground cover in place of asphalt to reduce runoff.
- ◆ Pick up pet waste, bag it, and put it in the garbage - even in your own yard.
- ◆ If you have livestock, cover manure piles and fence animals away from streams.

Around the house

- ◆ Avoid hazardous products and chemicals and always follow directions for use, storage, and disposal.
- ◆ Recycle paint, motor oil, and antifreeze and dispose of left-over products, such as solvents and chemicals, at collection centers and special collection events.
- ◆ Cover garbage cans and dumpsters to keep out the rain.
- ◆ Regularly inspect and pump your septic tank, and never drive over your septic system or pasture livestock on your drain field.

2009 Watershed of Words


The Watershed of Words contest began in 2008, and has grown from 40 student participants in its first year to 328 in 2009. The contest provides students with an opportunity to creatively express their interests, knowledge, and experiences related to water. It also encourages students and teachers to make the link between a healthy environment and the role that we ourselves play in maintaining clean water throughout Clark County. Throughout this collection, you will recognize the concern and sense of responsibility present in these students' voices, and be inspired to support their goals of watershed stewardship.



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