

# VALLEY AIR NEWS



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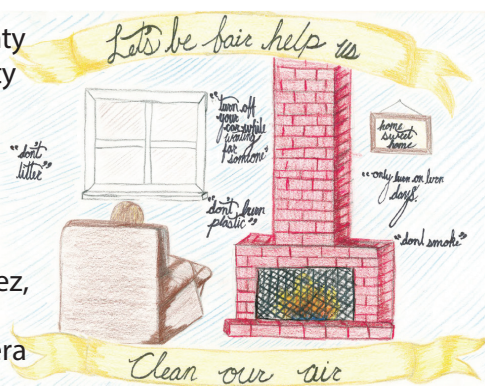
## The new calendars are here!

The artwork of 15 talented Valley students is featured in the 2018 Healthy Air Living Kids' Calendar, a bilingual, full-color wall calendar now available from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

The annual educational calendar showcases original works of art chosen from hundreds of entries by children in each of the eight counties that make up the Valley Air District. The creative and colorful drawings illustrate a monthly clean-air message in both English and Spanish, such as "Keep it cool and carpool to school" and "Switch to an electric car!"

Students selected for the 2018 calendar include Celeste Torres, a Clovis eighth grader, whose intricate detailed drawing graces the calendar cover, as well as:

- Grace Fairbanks, 1st grade, San Joaquin County
- Jorge Zepeda, 1st grade, Tulare County
- Carolina Hernandez Arzola, 1st grade, Tulare County
- Arianna Diaz, 3rd grade, Tulare County
- Althea Mumford, 4th grade, Stanislaus County
- Karina Romero, 7th grade, Stanislaus County
- Evelyn Dominguez, 8th grade, Kern County
- Daniel Ward, 8th grade, Merced County
- Evan Forcey, 8th grade, Fresno County
- Paris Saray, 8th grade, Kings County
- Leslie Servin Paramo, 9th grade, Merced County
- Grace Gorans, 9th grade, Madera County
- Nisdhely Anahí Bojorquez Rodriguez, 11th grade, Merced County
- Ashton Freeland, 11th grade, Madera County



The calendars are distributed upon request, Valley-wide, to schools, community groups, healthcare facilities, churches, civic organizations, non-profit groups and individuals.

The District prints 20,000 copies of the popular, free publication, which promotes Healthy Air Living throughout the year.

The 2018 calendars are available, while supplies last, by emailing public.education@valleyair.org, and can be picked up in any District office: in Fresno, at 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave. (559-230-6000), in Modesto, at 4800 Enterprise Way (209-557-6400), and in Bakersfield, at 34936 Flyover Court (661-392-5500).



## Central Valley Summit

Last month, the Valley Air District brought together professionals from industry, agriculture and other air pollution control districts in California to address alternatives to the open burning of agricultural waste.

The two-day summit held in Parlier on Nov. 7-8, featured presentations by air pollution control officers from neighboring districts, energy producers and ag-related industry professionals showcasing alternative methods of disposing agricultural waste. Among solutions were grinding and incorporating material back into the soil, composting, bio char, as well as further development and support for the biomass industry.

At the end of the summit, SJV Air Pollution Control Officer, Seyed Sadredin, concluded that most of the options available are currently too expensive or still under development. He added that the District will continue to seek every feasible alternative, but that a temporary and carefully controlled increase in open burning may be necessary until a cost-effective and practical solution is established or legislative support and funding saves the Valley's biomass industry.



To see all the presentations that took place at the Summit, click here:  
<http://valleyair.org/cvsummit/presentations.htm>

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