

VALLEY AIR NEWS



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Healthy Air Living Kids' calendars are here!

The 2014 Healthy Air Living Kids' Calendar is printed and available for free distribution, featuring the colorful artwork of 15 talented Valley students.



The bilingual, full-color wall calendar is an annual publication of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. It showcases original works of art by children in each of the air basin's eight counties, chosen from hundreds of entries.

Each page illustrates a clean-air message in English and Spanish, such as "Help everyone have a healthy air life!" and "Care for our air and walk there."

Congratulations to these students for being selected to have their artistic talent displayed in this year's calendar:

- Valerie Bailey, grade 5, Tulare
- Bria McKenzie, grade 12, Stockton
- Mia Ekhause, grade 3, Merced
- Ciara Estrada, grade 1, Fresno
- Rubee Cisneros, grade 6, Lemoore
- Emma J., grade 4, Turlock
- Cindy Jauregui, grade 6, Madera
- Jesse Avila, grade 6, Farmersville

- Kayla Albright, grade 11, Porterville
- Catricia Alvarez, grade 2, Dinuba
- Jovianne, grade 4, Stanislaus County
- Mary Rose Ambida, grade 10, Stanislaus County
- Hannah Agatep, grade 3, Bakersfield
- Portia Harris, grade 4, Fresno

The calendars are distributed to schools, community groups, healthcare facilities, churches, civic organizations and non-profit groups throughout the year.

The 2014 calendars can be reserved, while supplies last, at public.education@valleyair.org, and can be picked up at 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).

State provides truckers flexibility

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is taking steps to help vehicle owners comply with the upcoming deadline of the state's truck and bus regulation.

The regulation requires that all small-fleet owners of heavy-duty trucks and buses operating in California retrofit at least one of their trucks with a particulate matter filter or replace the vehicle with a 2007 model year or newer engine by Jan. 1, 2014. Large fleets were required to comply by Jan. 1, 2012.

To assist operators who may have difficulty complying by the deadline date, CARB will recognize good-faith efforts to comply for fleet and vehicle owners who demonstrate they took action prior to the deadline.

Vehicle owners can avoid enforcement actions by reporting to the Truck Regulations Upload and Compliance Reporting System (TRUCRS) that they took any of the following steps by Jan. 1, 2014:

- Entered into an agreement with an authorized PM filter installer.
- Signed a purchase agreement to replace a truck with a 2007 or newer model year.
- Were approved or denied financing for a particulate matter filter retrofit.
- Have applied for a grant to replace an existing truck with one that meets 2010 or later emissions standards.

Affected owners have until Jan. 31, 2014 to report having taken such actions to (TRUCRS) for assurance of avoiding possible penalties, DMV registration holds or impoundment.

Complete information on CARB's truck and bus regulation, including contact information is available at: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/documents/FSRegSum.pdf.



Information on the Valley Air District's Truck Voucher Program is available at: www.valleyair.org/Grants/truckvoucher.htm. The application period for this program ends on Dec. 31, 2013.