

December 19, 2025



Dear Fifth Grade Teachers,

The Ottawa Sandusky Seneca County Solid Waste District's mission is to promote recycling and litter prevention. Once again, we are excited to offer a billboard design contest to your fifth grade students.

The contest is open to all fifth graders in Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca counties, including all students from Bellevue and Lakota School Districts. Three designs will be chosen from each county's entries. Each winning design will be posted on a billboard, along with the name of the student and school. In addition to the billboards, prizes will be awarded to the winning students.

Designs should have an environmental theme with a focus on reducing, reusing, recycling, litter prevention or celebrating Earth Day. An idea insert is included to help your students get started, along with samples of last year's winners. Please remind your students to be creative with their designs, incorporating large areas of color that will reproduce well and be simple enough to read from a moving vehicle. Designs may be created using markers, crayons or colored pencils.

Designs that make use of any copyrighted material will be disqualified. Designs with misspelled words will be disqualified. Artwork with three dimensional pieces attached or computer aided designs will not be accepted.

Enclosed you will find a packet of entry forms. The entry form can also be printed from our website [www.RecycleOSS.org](http://www.RecycleOSS.org). Completed entries may be dropped off at our office or mailed to:

**Attn: Jennifer Sherman  
OSS Solid Waste District  
1875 East State Street  
Fremont, OH 43420**

**All entries must be received by Monday, February 2, 2026.**

We are looking forward to your students' designs. If you would like to have your students' entries returned after the contest, please email me to make arrangements. Feel free to contact me with any questions at 419-334-7222.

Your Partner in Environmental Education,

*Jennifer Sherman*

Jennifer Sherman  
Education Specialist



Use your creativity and imagination to help the people of your county increase their environmental awareness. Encourage people to reduce, reuse, recycle or not litter.

## Ideas to Get You Started

**REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE  
MAKE EVERY DAY EARTH DAY  
BUY RECYCLED PRODUCTS  
DO NOT LITTER**

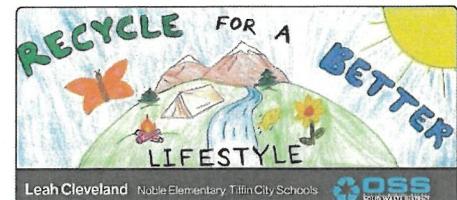
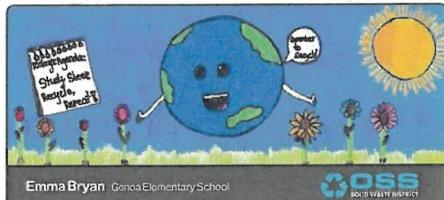
### Teachers/Parents, please inform your students:

Their message should be simple and easy to read from a distance. The design should be creative and colorful. Additional entry forms can be printed from [www.RecycleOSS.org](http://www.RecycleOSS.org).

Designs will be disqualified if they use any copyrighted images, have misspelled words, have anything attached to the entry form, or use computer aided designs.

Those designs judged may be used on our website, social media, in district publications and press releases. Winning designs become the property of the O.S.S. Solid Waste District and will be displayed on billboards.

### 2025 Contest Winning Designs



# OSS Solid Waste District

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Recycling and Litter Prevention Billboard Contest

Student Name School Name



Directions: Design a billboard that will remind the people in your county to keep the earth healthy by recycling or not littering. The design is up to your imagination. Have fun and be creative.

**Some tips to remember:**

- \* Keep your design simple. People will need to be able to read your sign while they are driving in their car.
- \* Use markers, crayons or colored pencils. Use as many colors as you like.
- \* Entries with MISSPELLED WORDS will be disqualified.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_