

# Earth Day Poster Contest - Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sponsored by Lighthouse Student Council for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy



The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) celebrates Earth Day every year in April. The first Earth Day took place on April 22, 1970. On that day, 20 million Americans, 10% of the U.S. population at the time, took to the streets, college campuses, and hundreds of cities. They protested environmental issues like oil spills, smog, and rivers so polluted they caught fire, and they

demanded change for our planet going forward. The ongoing goal of Earth Day is to raise awareness for climate change, protect the world's resources, and improve the environment. Government, non-government organizations, businesses, and individuals around the world act on Earth Day to help restore the world's resources, improve farming practices, rebuild soils, restore native flora and wildlife, and improve water quality, making it one of the largest civic engagement events that take place worldwide.

## What to do:

EGLE invites students in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to enter the annual Michigan Earth Day Poster Contest! Prizes are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in each grade. Students should include wildlife, plants, land, or freshwater ecosystems native to **Michigan** in their **Earth Day 2024 Poster**. In recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Safe

Drinking Water Act in 2024, we are also accepting posters that highlight the importance of safe drinking water and source water protection and will award one 1<sup>st</sup> and one 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize for this category.



## Contest Rules:

- Posters can be hand-drawn or created on a computer. Each poster must be uniquely created by one student. If fashioned by hand, the submitter must take a photo of it and save it to a JPG file. **Please email your child's poster to [kjones@abs.misd.net](mailto:kjones@abs.misd.net) by F 2/23/24. Don't forget to include your child's first & last name.**  
**\*\*\*This date is firm.\*\*\***
- **Lighthouse staff will judge any posters submitted by the due date during the week of 2/26/24 and the top 3 winners will be announced on F 3/1/24.**
- Posters will be judged based on the student's creative use of native **Michigan** wildlife, plants, land, freshwater ecosystems, or depiction of the importance of clean drinking water. Winners of the contest will be notified by 4/5/24. The winning posters will be posted the week of 4/22/24, on the Earth Day webpage.
- For additional information, please click: <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/outreach/earth-day>. There are also examples of previous Earth Day poster winners on this site.