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## **North Myrtle Middle School Student Wins Recycled Art Contest**

North Myrtle Beach Middle School students know how to turn trash into treasure. The school submitted an entry to the Horry County Solid Waste Authority's annual POP (Protect Our Planet) Art Recycling Contest. Eighth grader Edwin Mendoza created an ocean scene made out of crayons, entitled "The World is in Our Hands", which was selected as the grand prize winner in the Horry County Solid Waste Authority's POP Art Contest.

As grand prize winner, Mr. Mendoza received an electronic reading device, a medal and a prize pack of recycled-content items including school supplies.

This was the 22nd year the Horry County Solid Waste Authority offered the POP Art Contest. The contest is designed to promote environmental awareness and highlight the creative talents of students. The contest was open to all middle school students in Horry County.

The students were required to create a work of art using at least 70% of a specified material chosen by the Solid Waste Authority. This year's material was crayons.

"The World is in Our Hands" will be on display through December 2025 at the Horry County Solid Waste Authority, located at 1886 Highway 90, Conway. For additional information, please contact the Horry County Solid Waste Authority at 843-347-1651 or visit them on the web at [www.SolidWasteAuthority.org](http://www.SolidWasteAuthority.org).



Pictured – POP Art Contest Winner, Edwin Mendoza, 8<sup>th</sup> Grader at North Myrtle Beach Middle School

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