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Loris Middle School Student Wins Recycled Art Contest

**LORIS, SC** ---- Loris Middle School (LMS) 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. Sixth grader Ryan McQuilla created a remotecontrol car made primarily with bottle caps, entitled "Recycle America", which was selected as the grand prize winner in the Horry County Solid Waste Authority's POP Art Contest.

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

This was the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 bottle caps.

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.



Pictured left to right: Joe Martin, Assistant Principal of 6<sup>th</sup> grade at LMS, Sixth Grader and POP Art winner, Ryan McQuilla and Shelley Todd, Principal of LMS



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