Coastweeks: Marine Debris Calendar Artwork Contest

On behalf of the Virgin Islands Marine Advisory Service (VIMAS), I would like to thank you for your continued participation in our annual Coastweeks beach clean-ups. In our efforts to extend marine debris education into the classroom, we are facilitating an artwork contest for schools to enter and we would like for you to take advantage of this opportunity! 12 hand-drawn and colored pieces of artwork will be selected for inclusion in our Coastweeks 2017 Calendar. If you are interested in participating here are some important guidelines to consider:

- To be eligible, you must have participated in a 2016 Coastweeks beach cleanup. (You can get the dates for scheduled clean-ups at http://vimas.uvi.edu.)
- Schools are allowed to submit no more than 3 hand-drawn, colored drawings from any combination of the categories listed below. Pictures should be drawn in landscape orientation.
  A. The impacts of marine debris on marine animals
  B. The concept of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle
  C. Our beautiful marine ecosystems and its marine life
- All photos must be submitted before October 31st, 2016.
- To submit your photos, you can utilize any of the following options that are most convenient for you:
  1. Scan and the E-mail your drawn picture(s) to howard.forbes@live.uvi.edu;
  2. Mail your drawn picture(s) to:
     Howard Forbes Jr
     University of the Virgin Islands
     Center for Marine and Environmental Studies
     #2 John Brewers Bay
     St. Thomas, USVI, 00802

All images shown here are examples of artwork that would qualify. These pictures were submitted by students from various mainland schools that participated in NOAA’s Office of Marine Sanctuaries 2015 Zero Waste Week. You can log on to: http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/education/ocean_guardian/zero-waste-week/ to see more artwork from Zero Waste Week.

All participants will be notified which artwork has been selected in November. Participating schools will receive up to 5 copies of the calendar once they have been printed (supplies will be limited). Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Howard Forbes Jr.
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