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Winners of ‘Neighbor Appreciation Day’ Art Contest Selected *Students to be honored by Mayor Nickels at Pancake Breakfast*

In a special recognition ceremony, Mayor Greg Nickels today presented awards to the winners of a citywide student art contest commemorating the 15th annual Neighbor Appreciation Day.

“Neighbor Appreciation Day is a great time to celebrate volunteerism in our community,” said Nickels. “The annual art contest is especially fun because it gives us the opportunity to see our neighborhoods through the eyes of our kids and their artistic imagination.”

Winners’ artwork is available on Neighbor Appreciation Day post-cards, distributed free at libraries, community centers, and Neighborhood Service Centers. This year, the cards carry a “Happy Neighbor Appreciation Day” message in 10 languages.

First launched in 1995, Neighbor Appreciation Day is a grassroots celebration to foster friendships and celebrate communities.

For a complete listing of Neighbor Appreciation Day events, see www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods.

Art contest winners are:

Gold Award (\$100 each)

Gerald Tolentino, Dunlap Elementary School (Southeast Seattle neighborhood)

Samara Haq, West Woodland Elementary School (Ballard neighborhood)

Silver Award (\$50 each)

Maia Sebek, home school (Greenwood neighborhood)

Claudia Pharr, Dunlap Elementary School (Southeast Seattle neighborhood)

Bronze Award (\$25)

Falisha Samuels, Thurgood Marshall Elementary School (Central Area neighborhood)

Estifanos Asmare, Dunlap Elementary School (Southeast Seattle neighborhood)

Crystal Award (\$15)

Elisa Sun, Lafayette Elementary School (West Seattle neighborhood)

Elise Morris, West Woodland Elementary School (Ballard neighborhood)

Sarah Smith, Billings Middle School (Greenlake neighborhood)

Michelle Tse, Maple Elementary School (Greater Duwamish neighborhood)

Ellery Haak, West Woodland Elementary School (Ballard neighborhood)

Trang Tran, Dunlap Elementary School (Southeast Seattle neighborhood)

Thuy Luu, Dunlap Elementary School (Southeast Seattle neighborhood)

Jamila Deq, Thurgood Marshall Elementary School (Southeast Seattle neighborhood)