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Arbor Week Poster Contest Winners Announced

SACRAMENTO- As trees across the state begin to blossom for spring, California's Arbor Week is emphasizing the importance trees have on communities and their residents. Today, officials from CAL FIRE and California ReLeaf, an organization working to preserve, protect and enhance California's urban forests, announced the winners of the statewide Arbor Week poster contest.

"The artwork in all of the winner's posters show that school children are learning the importance of trees in and around their communities," said Chief Ken Pimlott, CAL FIRE director. "It is a great opportunity to partner with California ReLeaf to teach children about the benefits of trees and protecting our natural resources."

Students from across California in grades 3rd, 4th and 5th were asked to create original artwork based on the theme "*We Need Trees and Trees Need Us*". Over 2,700 posters were submitted.

This year's poster contest winners were 3rd grader Isabella Nieto from Alamos Elementary in Murrieta, CA; 4th grader Madalynn Chernah from Lower Lake Elementary in Lower Lake, CA; 5th grader Carlos Ortega from Valley View Elementary in Nuevo, CA; and winner of the Imagination Award, Rohan Mahavni from Kimber Hills Academy in Fremont, CA.

California Arbor Week runs March 7-14 every year. To view this year's Arbor Week poster contest winners visit www.fire.ca.gov. For more on Arbor Week visit www.arborweek.org.

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