

Annual 39th Senate District **5th GRADE STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST**

Sponsored by:
Senator Christine Kehoe

Open to: All 5th grade students in the 39th Senate District
Contest Deadline: Friday, March 7th, 2008 at 5:00pm
Contest Theme: *What Can I do to Help the Environment?*

Prompt: Write a persuasive one-page essay (typed if possible) that describes what you can do to help conserve energy, save water, and/or increase recycling at home, at school, or in your community. What specific actions can you take? What effect will your actions have? Be creative with your ideas. Be sure to include a clear description of your suggestions, your point of view, evidence in support of your point of view, your recommendations for action, and the expected outcome of these recommendations.

In accordance with California Literacy Standard 2.4 – Writing Applications, be certain to:

- a. State a clear position in support of a proposal.
- b. Support a position with relevant evidence.
- c. Follow a simple organizational pattern.
- d. Address reader concerns.

All participants will receive a Senate Certificate of Recognition. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive prizes. The 1st place student's school will also receive a prize. (Prizes are not at government expense).

ALL ESSAYS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
5:00PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2008

Mail or Deliver to: Senator Christine Kehoe
2445 5th Ave., Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92101

Important Note for teachers: Please include a class roster with your essay submissions that lists your school name, teacher name, and each participating student's full name.

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