

## FALL IS HERE, AND SO IS THE SEASON OF BEING THANKFUL!

Halloween is over, daylight is ending earlier, and Thanksgiving is right around the corner! San Andreas Sanitary District (SASD/District) has a lot in which to be thankful. Its staff, customers, and contract partners all keep the District running smoothly and ensure the treatment plant and conveyance system provide safe, reliable services. The District is thankful to participate with our community in outreach events such as Dinner with a Scientist, Elementary School tours (see related article), High School biology field trips, and other educational experiences to share about the District's mission and purpose. On behalf of the District, Happy Thanksgiving and may your Holiday Season be joyful!

## KEEP YOUR PIPES CLEAN!

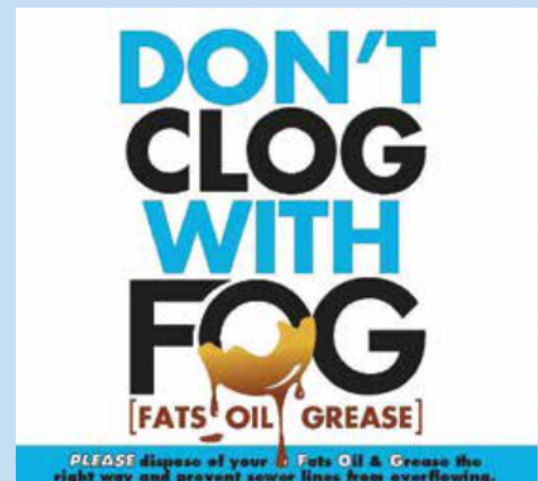
Extra holiday cooking, baking and entertaining can place a strain on your pipes!

In the kitchen, most sink clogs are caused by Fats, Oils, Grease (FOG), which are the components found in food items such as butter, oils, gravy, and meat scraps that are rinsed down the drain. Whether during meal prep or washing dishes after a meal, remember to:

- Scrape and dry-wipe plates, mixing bowls, baking dishes, and frying pans into the trash or composting bin.
- Let hot liquids (cooking oils, gravy) cool before pouring in the trash or pour the liquid into a sturdy container to cool, then place in the trash.

Never mix dish soap and hot water with FOG and pour it down your drain! Soon after leaving your sink, the liquid will cool and the FOG will return to a solid that can eventually lead to a clogged pipe and costly sewer back-ups.

In the restroom, remember the toilet is not a trash can! Sanitary products, paper towels, cleaning and hand sanitizing wipes are to be disposed of in the trash, never the toilet. These are not flushable and will cause sewer back-ups.



## SAFETY IS KEY – FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND THE COMMUNITY!

The District's employees have implemented safe work practices in a consistent manner for over six plus years of "No Loss Time" caused by workplace accidents. How did the District Staff achieve this level of performance? The District's Employees regularly conduct safety inspections at the lift stations, treatment plant, and the administrative offices, and correct noted deficiencies to maintain a safe work environment. Additionally, employees routinely conduct safety training, including 'tailgates' that highlight specific concerns about conditions in the workplace. Staff also participate in various safety training events, such as confined space awareness and respiratory protection, to stay compliant with Cal-OSHA regulations. Creating and maintaining a safe work environment requires consistent effort and attention to detail. These efforts are well worth it by maintaining productivity and increasing staff morale. We are thankful for a safe six years!

## ANNUAL SCHOOL TOUR AND CALENDAR CONTEST

In September 2023, San Andreas Elementary students received a hands-on wastewater treatment plant tour as an ongoing part of the District' School Outreach Program. The tour was part of a larger education program that also includes a classroom lesson conducted around a rotating annual theme. This year's theme was Water is Worth It!

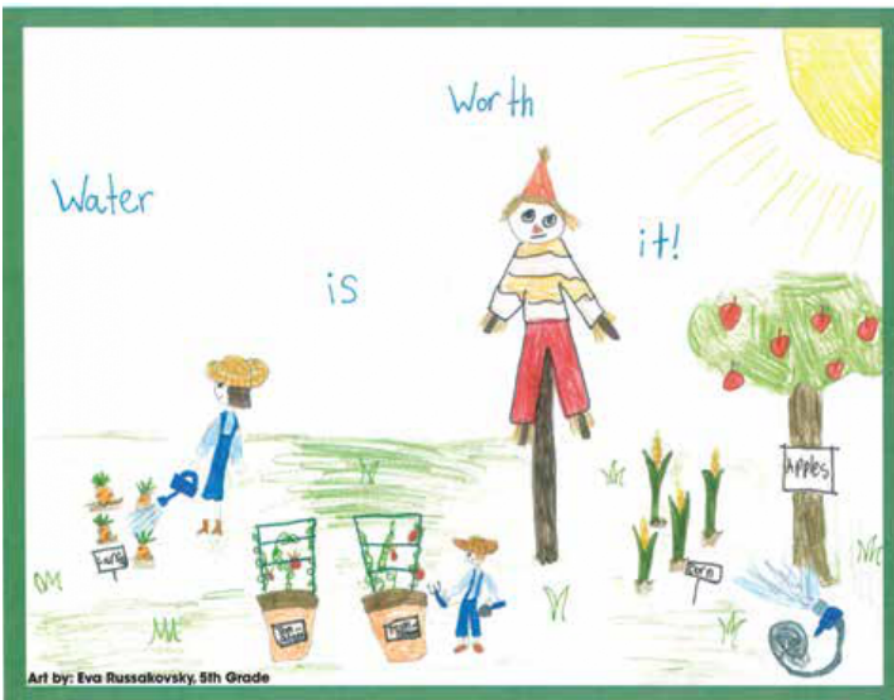
Tours were conducted separately for 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Each grade toured three stations, each with hands-on activities: Laboratory Exploration, Wastewater Equipment Usage, and Plant Automation, all demonstrated by SASD staff.



Principal Mayers and students learn how the vac-truck removes sewer waste after a sewer spill by SASD Operator Shane.

In addition to the wastewater plant tour, students were invited to enter the 2024 Calendar Art Contest themed Water is Worth It. This year's entries were very creative and tough decisions had to be made. Ms. Poole had the most entries, and the most winners! District Staff attended the San Andreas Elementary fall assembly to hand out certificates and Subway gift cards to the winners. Michael Walker, District Board President, presented Principal Mayers with a Resolution recognizing the school's partnership and the prize-winning students.

**Cover Art winner was awarded to Eva in Ms. Buteau's 5th grade class.**



January, **Talon, 4th grade**, Ms. Poole  
February, **Ruby, 6th grade**, Ms. Kingston  
March, **Ariyana, 6th grade**, Ms. Kingston  
April, **Jenna, 6th grade**, Ms. Kingston  
May, **Lillian, 4th grade**, Ms. Ms. Poole  
June, **Sherlee, 4th grade**, Ms. Poole  
July, **Brylin, 5th grade**, Ms. Buteau  
August, **Bailey, 4th grade**, Ms. Poole  
September, **Paityn, 4th grade**, Ms. Poole  
October, **Alex, 4th grade**, Ms. Poole  
November, **Heaven, 5th grade**, Ms. Buteau  
December, **Alisha, 6th grade**, Ms. Kingston

Each 4th, 5th and 6th grade family will receive a free calendar!

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