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**Pasco County Utilities and the Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA) Announce Success of Second Annual Poster Contest**

Pasco County Utilities, the Pasco County Superintendent of Public Schools, and the FGUA collaborated again this year for the annual Water Awareness Poster Contest. The contest raises awareness among elementary-aged children on the origins of water and provides a creative outlet for the children to share the “Trip of a Drip” with their teachers and fellow students. This year’s contest, “Solve the Mystery: Where Does Water Come From?” was offered to all Pasco Elementary School students from first through fifth grade. Six schools and over 220 students participated in the contest. As part of the program, water conservation kits, provided free of charge by the Southwest Florida Water Management District, were sent to participating schools.

Generous prize donations from local program sponsors, including Big Cat Rescue, Clearwater Marine Aquarium, the Florida Aquarium and the Museum of Science and Industry were awarded for first, second, and third place winners for each grade level. This year’s winners include:

1st Grade: Amanda Leigh Kosik (1<sup>st</sup> place, Trinity Oaks Elementary), Adrian Divcic (2<sup>nd</sup> place, Trinity Oaks Elementary) and Milcah Myrbel (3<sup>rd</sup> place, Woodland Elementary).

2nd Grade: Sadie Collar (1<sup>st</sup> place, Dr. Mary Giella Elementary), Sarah Groll (2<sup>nd</sup> place, Trinity Oaks Elementary), Rachel Yannello (3<sup>rd</sup> place, Trinity Oaks Elementary).

3rd Grade: Timothy Giamparolo (1<sup>st</sup> place, Fox Hollow Elementary), Aalyssa Hicks (2<sup>nd</sup> place, Fox Hollow Elementary), and Ashlie Stevenson (3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Trinity Oaks Elementary).

4th Grade: Krista Sizemore (1<sup>st</sup> place, Chasco Elementary), Tayelor Blansfied (2<sup>nd</sup> place, Dr. Mary Giella Elementary), Danny Tlanepantla (3<sup>rd</sup> place, Dr. Mary Giella Elementary).

5th Grade: Spencer Conrad (1<sup>st</sup> place, Trinity Oaks Elementary), Noah Karzon (2<sup>nd</sup> place, Trinity Oaks Elementary), and Jordan Frontera (3<sup>rd</sup> place, Trinity Oaks Elementary).

Honorable Mention: Mrs. Del Busto’s 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class, Athenian Academy of Pasco

Winning posters and finalist posters will be on display this month at the West Pasco Government Center in New Port Richey. Businesses or organization wishing to sponsor the contest next year or individuals with any questions or inquiries may contact Sue Chase, Customer Affairs Manager, with Pasco County Utilities at (727) 815-7092, or Matt Rihs, Community Service Representative, with the FGUA, at (727) 372-0115, x330.

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