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Ecitorial Note

In this issue, we asked Saklan students to share their ideas about the environment with their fellow school mates. Many of the submissions we received were creative and reflected love and respect for our planet. A big thank you to those who took part in the creation of this magazine! We hope the environmental focus of it will inspire you to partake in making the world a cleaner, more eco-friendly place.

The Saklan Literary Magazine Editorial Crew:

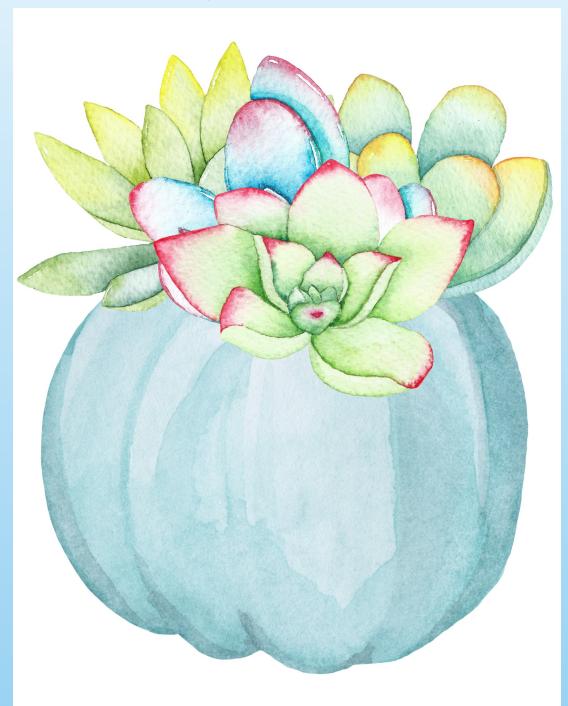
Brigitte Demers
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With Special Thanks To:

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Peace Love Joy to the world, so recycle,

Poem By Dashiell Hall-Nowak, Grade 4





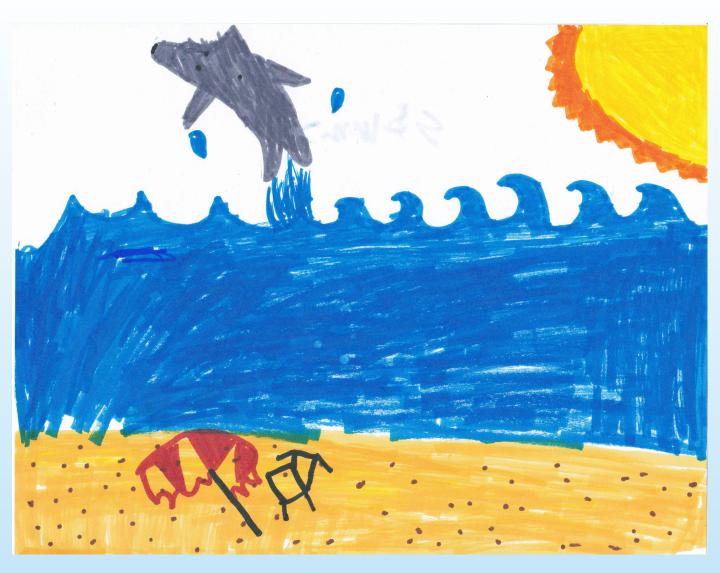




Community Service Idea

Brigitte Demers, 8th grade, completed her community service hours by picking up trash for four hours,

Now that's a GREEN ideal



Sammy Barry's Jumping Dolphin, Grade 3

Protect Our Oceansi























and Grade Whale Projects



Save The Whales



























Green Flag Program Update

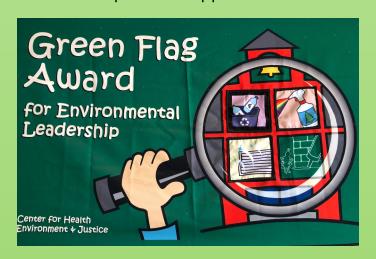
Vickie Obenchain has always been passionate about the environment. So when Hillary Conlon, Brigitte Demers' mom, became the PA President and joined the Board of Trustees in 2007, her first order of business was to start the Green Committee. In this way Hillary and Vickie could focus their efforts on turning Saklan into a "Green" school. At a open PA Meeting that Vickie presented her ideas at, they asked members of the community to join their efforts. Lori Anders, Lilah and Evy's mom, and Stuart Darby, Jordan and Isabel's dad, were among the new committee members. As a team we set about looking for the best school wide program to adapt for our school. Lori Anders discovered in her research, the Green Flag Program. The goals were easy to understand for our students and the rules were simple to meet. There are 4 badges total of which Saklan has 3.

The first badge we set about obtaining was the recycling badge. We did this by adding garbage bins for recyclable items, keeping regular bins for non recyclable items, and adding a composting pig. If you were at Saklan long enough to remember the Pink Pig, good for you! Although this was a good start, our efforts were further advanced when Javier Yacarini built the all in one blue, green, and gray wood garbage bins that you see around campus now. These well built and easy to understand garbage bins recently allowed our school to win a cash prize for our student's tremendous recycling efforts!

What you probably didn't know was that while this change in recycling and composting our garbage was happening, Emoke Veres was also changing all of our paper and office supplies. 80% of Saklan's office supplies are recycled paper products. These products cost a little more, but they are great for our environment, and that's how we got our first badge in the Green Flag Program.

The next two badges were earned by changing all of our bathroom paper supplies and all our cleaning supplies to environmentally friendly products, and by increasing efficiency in our air conditioning and heating and ventilation systems. These two badges were earned largely due to Javier Yacarini working with our cleaning crew and suppliers to provide better solutions towards our "Green" efforts.

Saklan still has one badge to earn to be considered a fully "Green" school: The Pesticide Badge. With your support, Saklan can do better by our butterflies and bees by changing the pesticides used on campus to abate ants and wasps. Let's support Miss O and Go Green!



Egg Planter Project



Here is a fun, environmentally friendly project you can try at home. Break the top portion off your eggs as you use them. We saved them in the egg carton with the other eggs and kept them all in the refrigerator until the whole carton was used.

Next, we filled the empty eggshells with potting soil and planted them with seedlings and succulents. This makes a decorative little potting arrangement!

Alternatively, you can use the eggs as seed starters for your summer vegetable garden. Fill with potting soil, plant seeds, and water until they sprout. Here's the really cool part: you can plant the whole eggshell, with seedling, in your vegetable garden and the shell will act as fertilizer to your growing vegetables!





Are You A Poem by Ryan Lo, 4th Grade

Elephants lose their tusks every day. People are cutting them off. The elephants fall and die, making the babies orphans. They're not even safe in the reserves.

The way to stop it is to stop poaching. Protesting, protecting, and palliating. We must ban ivory in every country. So hunters won't bother to hunt.

Next up are the rhinoceros.
Who lose their horns daily and are killed for it.
Once again true, it's humans like you and me.
Who have been cutting them off.

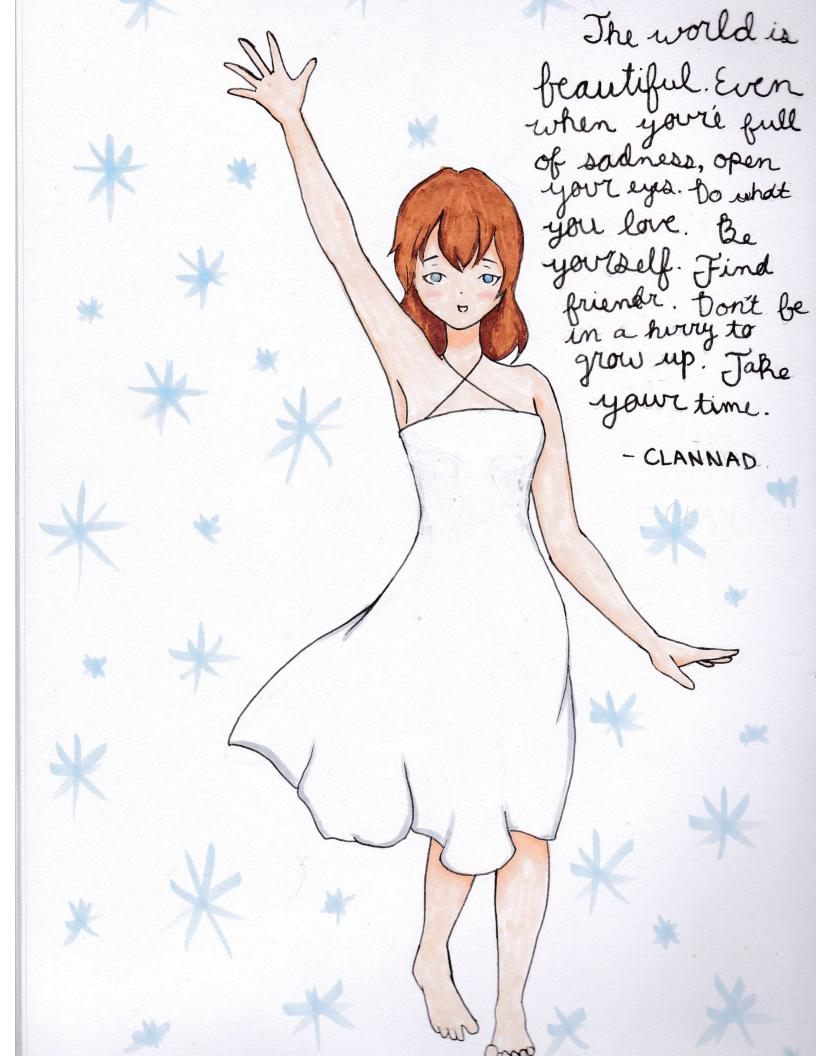
The way to stop this is to stop buying horn powder. We must boycott this type of behavior and these rituals. Rhino horns are actually just made of the material of our finger nails.

Elephants and rhinos are just 2 of the many species that are near extinction. Orangutans, pangolins, sea turtles are also endangered. These species have been around for centuries and centuries, we shouldn't only see them in zoos or pictures. We must stop poaching, deforestation and over industrialization to save them.

However, these solutions are only the beginning. You can think of more and more, better and better There are many ways to help these animals. Although only if you're willing to make a difference. Are you??

Thank you Ryan Lo for consistently submitting your best work for our Literary Magazinel Not only are your works relevant to the subject matter, they are intelligent and thoughtful,

Keep up the great work! The Lit Mag Crew



Our Photo Contest

Submissions

Consisted of

Three Main Categories

Flowers

Animels

Landscapes

Turn the Pages to See The Winning Photol



Skylar Ellis, 8th grade



Skylar Ellis, 8th grade



Kyle Yasumura, 7th grade



Olivia Shindewolfe, 8th grade



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Brigitte Demers, 8th grade

Ryan Lo, 4th grade



Brigitte Demers, 8th grade



Kyle Yasamura, 7th grade



Protect OUF Animalsi



Ryan Lo, 4th grade



This is what our San Francisco Bay looks like when we pollute our Air. Spare the Airl



Photos By Skylar Ellis, 8th grade











Photos by Kyle Yasumura, 7th grade. For his own entertainment, Kyle went into his front yard to take photos!









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Olivia Schindewolf, 8th Grade



Photos by Brigitte Demers, 8th grade



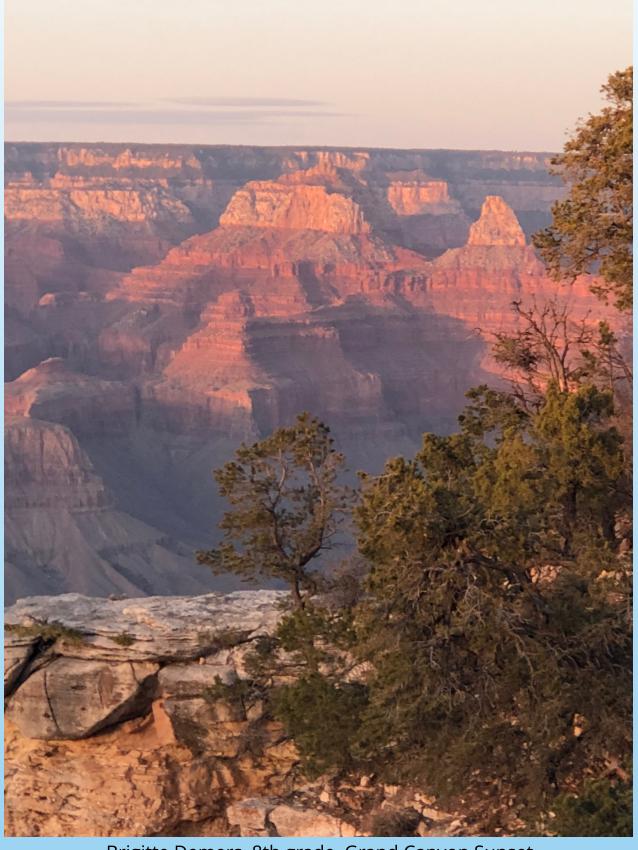


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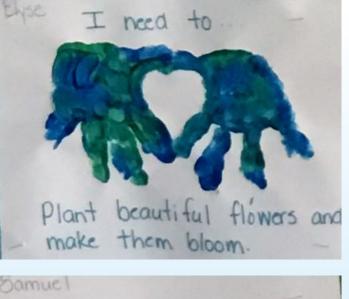


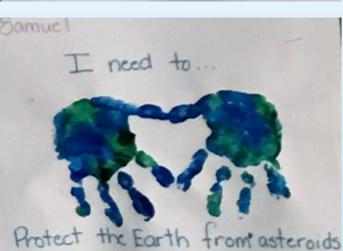
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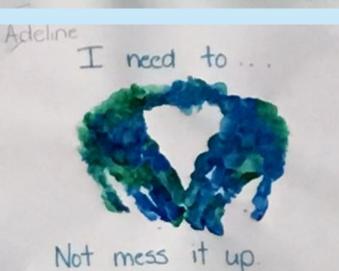


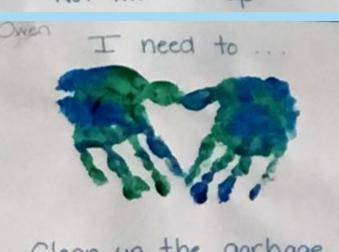


Brigitte Demers, 8th grade, Grand Canyon Sunset









Clean up the garbage.



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Art Work By Brigitte Demers Eth grade









Art Work by Olivia Shindewolfe, 8th grade

this is the recipe of life
said my mother
as she held me in her arms as I wept
think of those flowers you plant
in the garden each year
they will teach you
that people too
must wilt
fall
root
rise
in order to bloom

Poem By Rupi Kaur



Alex Poxiumschi's Universe, Grade 3



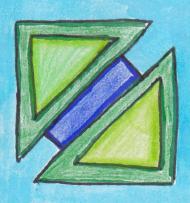
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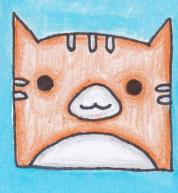






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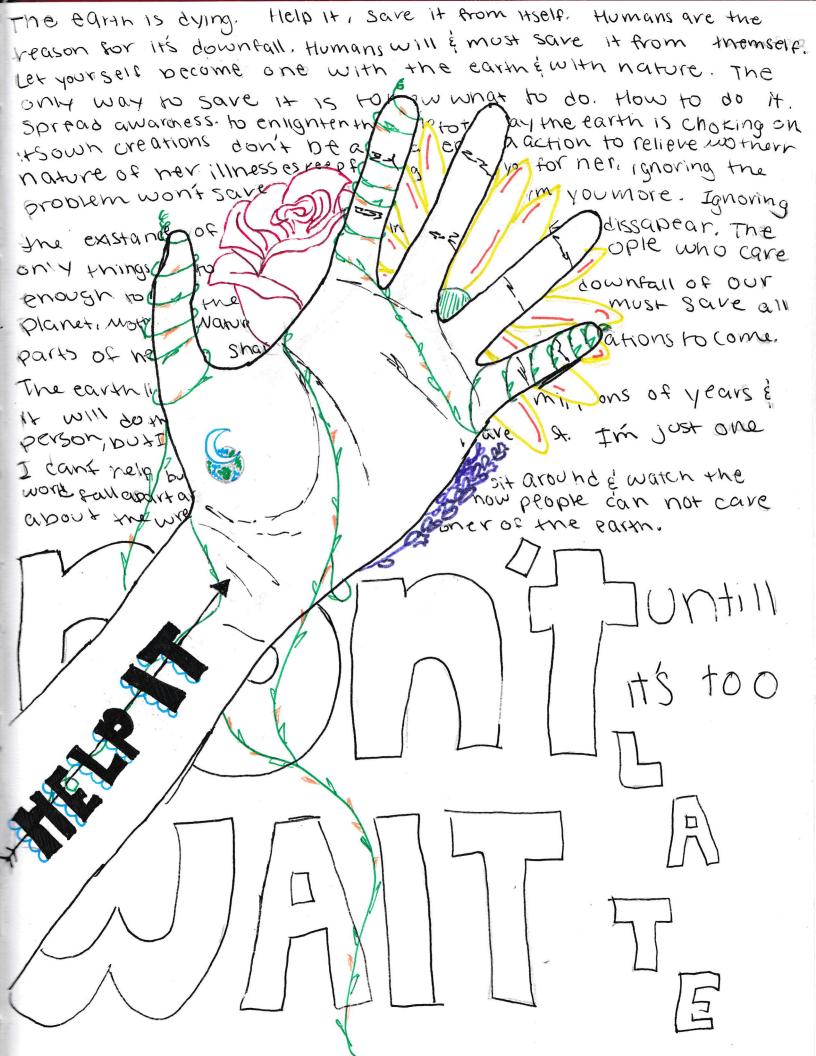
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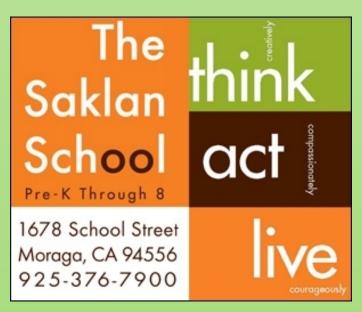
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