

Children learn how to properly plant a tree at a past RPU Annual Arbor Day Celebration.



Partners in Planting

Arbor Day is celebrated by millions of people across our country every year. It is a day that reminds us of the many benefits trees provide our community. Trees are an asset that have investment value: they conserve energy through shade and wind block, filter air pollution, reduce storm runoff, and increase property value.

Since 2003, Rochester Public Utilities (RPU) has involved the community in an annual Arbor Day celebration. As part of the festivities, a poster contest for Rochester elementary students is held. This calendar features entries from 2021. RPU would like to thank all of the students who have participated in our poster contest over the years. These talented young artists help remind us of the importance of trees in our community.

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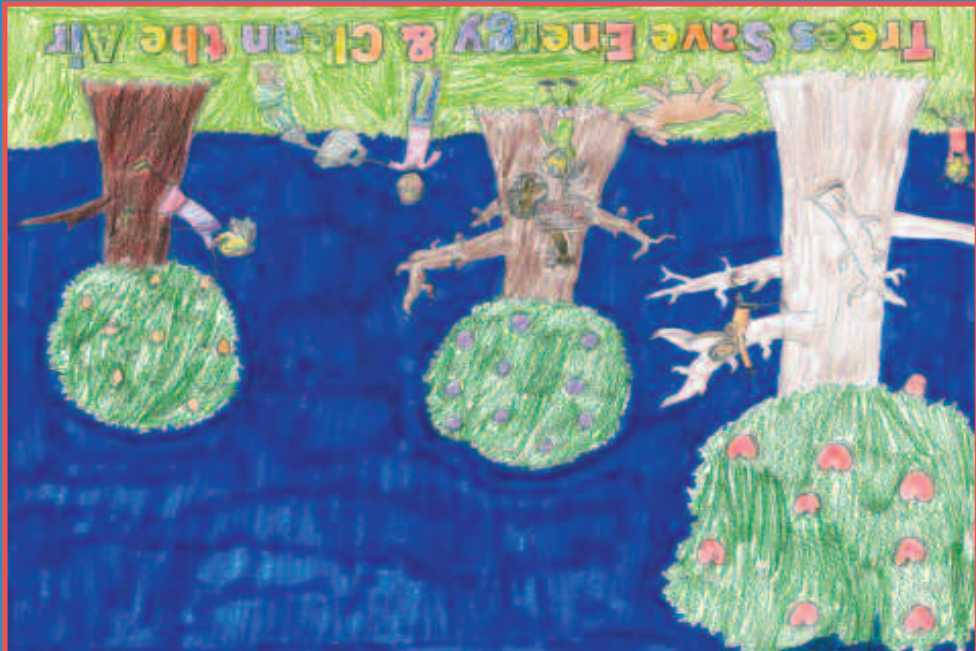
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2022 CALENDAR

Featuring 2021 Arbor Day posters drawn by Rochester area school children and monthly conservation tips from RPU.



Trees Save Energy & Clean the Air

Poster Contest Winners from RPU’s 19th Annual Arbor Day Celebration

RPU’s 19th Annual Arbor Day Celebration in 2021 was cancelled (once again) due to COVID-19 and following CDC guidance on avoiding mass gatherings. We still celebrated with a tree giveaway and held our annual poster design contest. The 2021 poster theme was “Trees Save Energy & Clean the Air”. Each year, the winners from each grade and an overall winner are selected and featured in the RPU calendar.

The overall winner for 2021 was 5th grader Bhavya Yerriboyina (pictured to the right). She did her distance learning for 5th grade with Mrs. Elizabeth Markert at Riverside Elementary but chose to have her overall winner’s commemorative tree planted at the school she attended all her previous years, Washington Elementary.

Bhavya’s winning poster design is featured on the cover of this calendar.



2021 Poster Contest Winners (left to right)

Overall Winner – 5th Grade
Bhavya Yerriboyina
Riverside Elementary
Mrs. Markert

First Grade
Shaarav Nawale
Harriet Bishop Elementary
Mrs. Gronemeyer

Second Grade
Eliana Kerich
Gage Elementary
Ms. Henry



(left to right)

Third Grade
Jia-Xin Fan
Gibbs Elementary
Mrs. Peterson

Fourth Grade
Noella Westra
Gibbs Elementary
Mr. Lynch

Fifth Grade
Norah Jensen
Jefferson Elementary
Mrs. Rietkerk



Trees Save Energy & Clean the Air

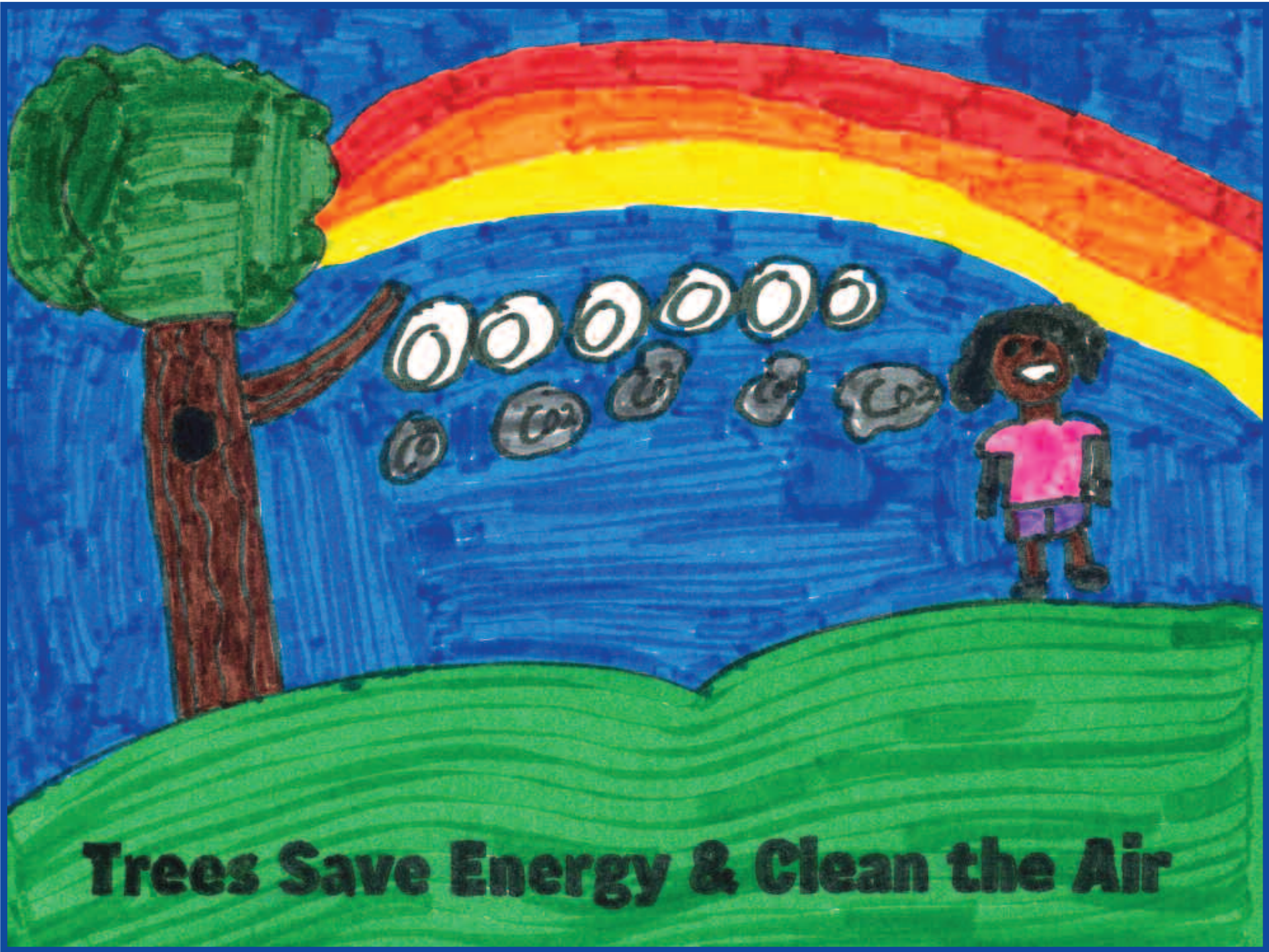
1ST GRADE WINNER • Shaarav Nawale • Harriet Bishop Elementary • Mrs. Gronemeyer

DECEMBER 2021



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CONSERVE & \$AVE ENERGY TIP Use LED holiday lights and decorations. They are 75% more efficient and last up to 25 times longer. Plus, you can apply for a rebate from RPU on your purchase of new LED lights and decorations - up to \$12 per string!		NOVEMBER 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1	2	3	4
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2ND GRADE WINNER • Eliana Kerich • Gage Elementary • Ms. Henry

JANUARY 2022



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3RD GRADE WINNER • Jia-Xin Fan • Gibbs Elementary • Mrs. Peterson

FEBRUARY 2022



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4TH GRADE WINNER • Noella Westra • Gibbs Elementary • Mr. Lynch

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5TH GRADE WINNER • Norah Jensen • Jefferson Elementary • Mrs. Rietkerk

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15 ○ Full Moon	16	17	18	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
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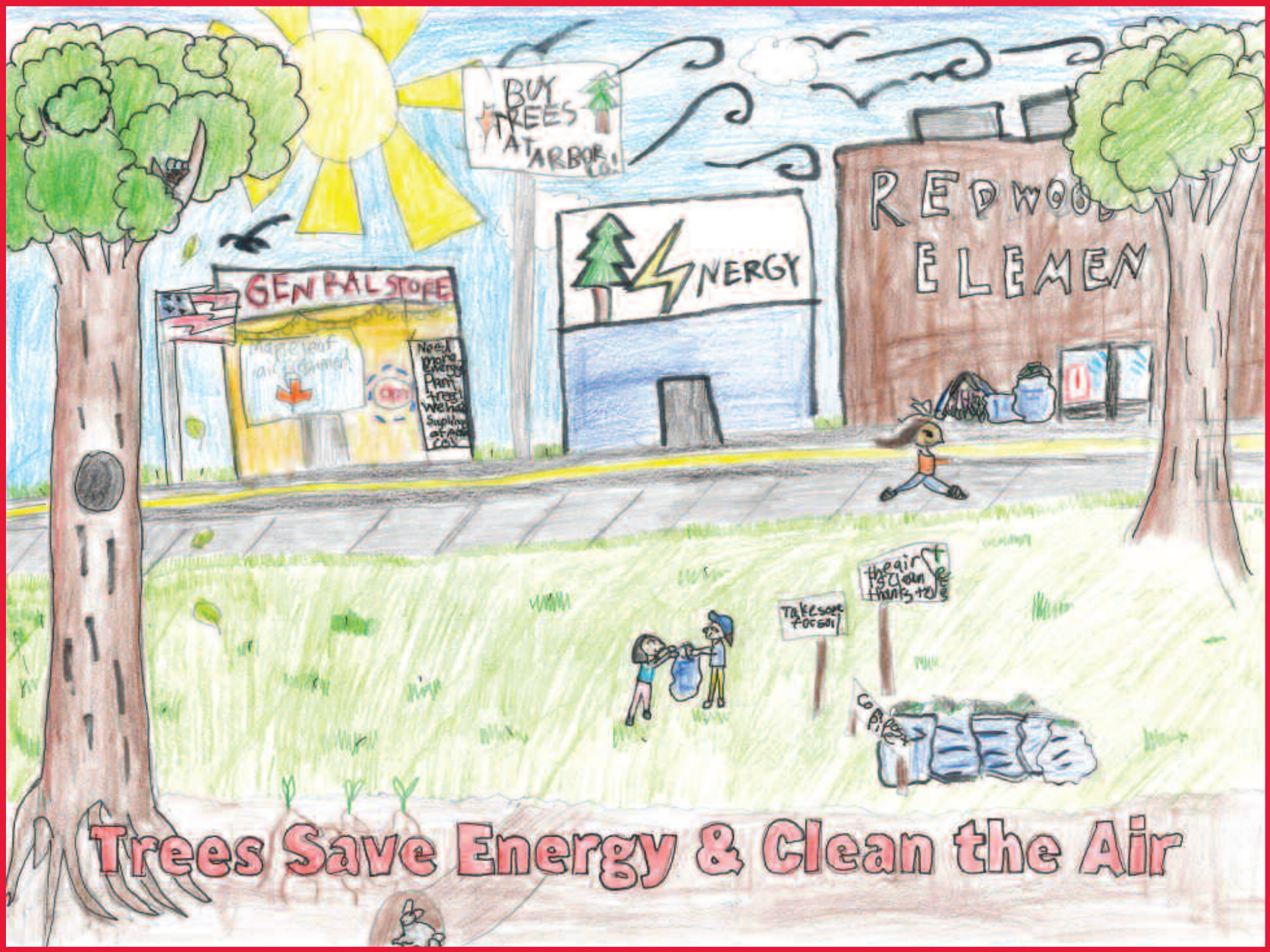
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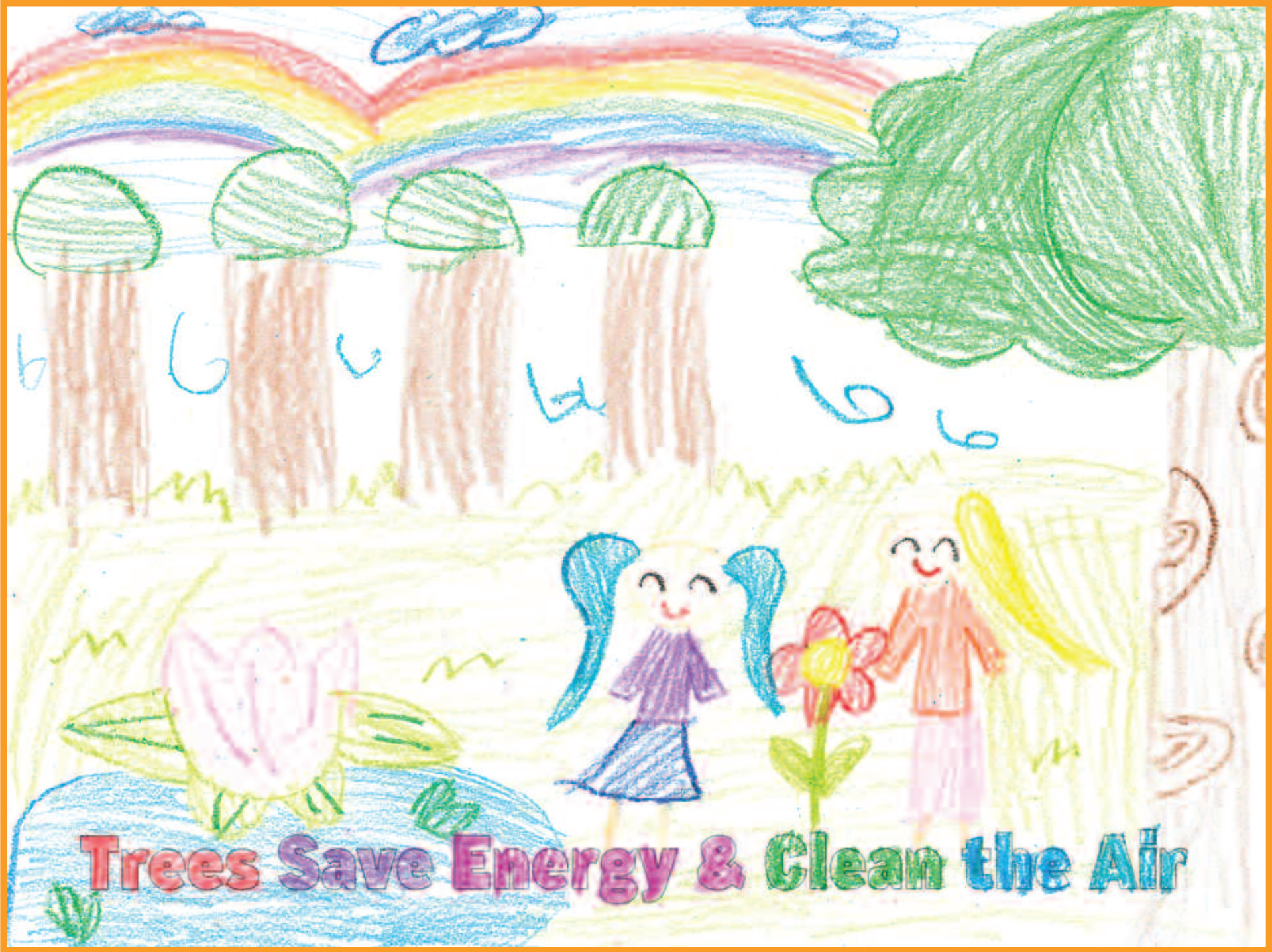
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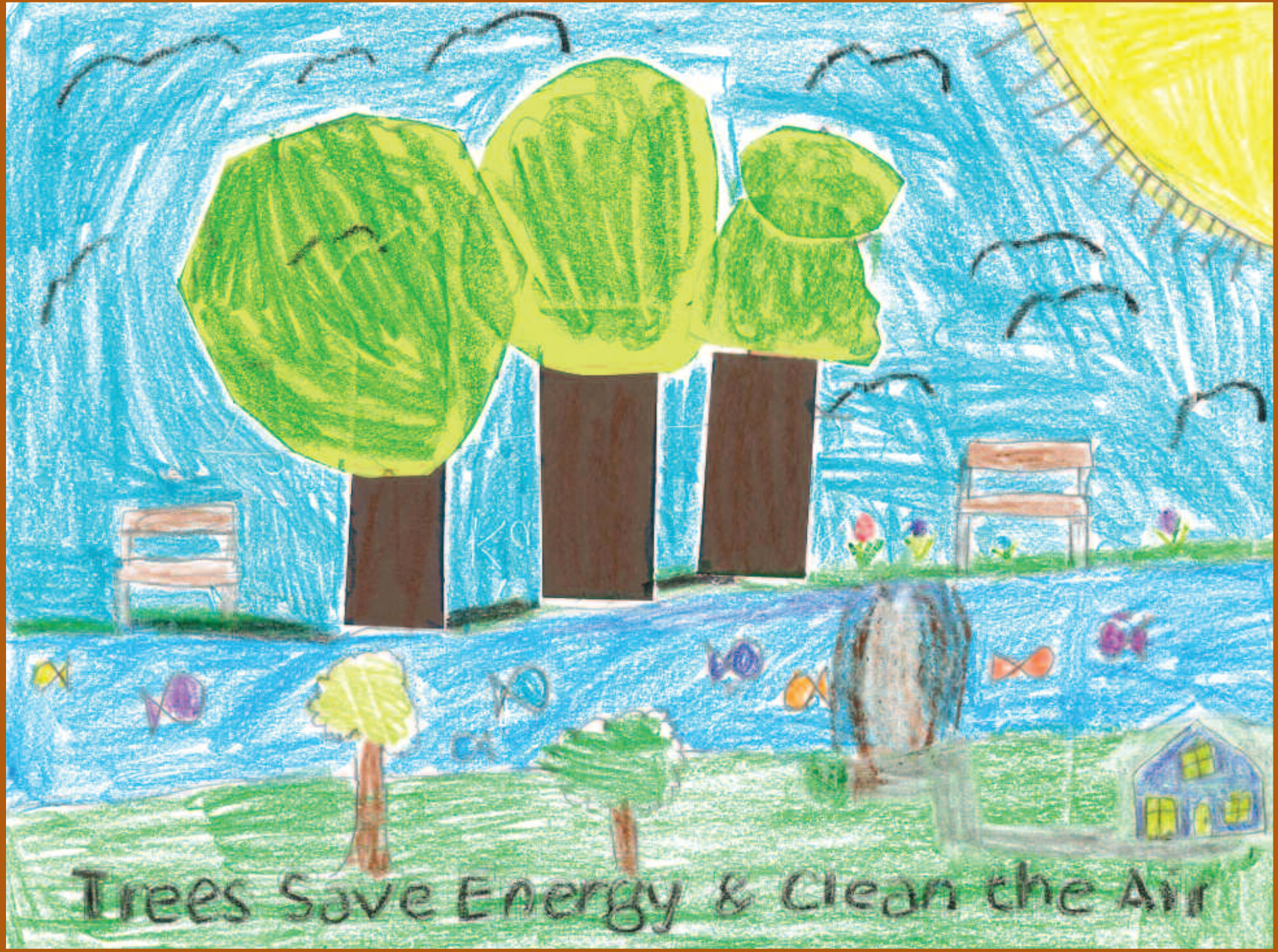
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25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins RPU OFFICES CLOSED	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve



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