

CNMI CORAL REEF INITIATIVE CALENDAR ART CONTEST WINNERS

JANUARY



"We can plant trees to stop climate change. We can use bikes instead of cars so we can reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere." - Verica H. (Grade 6, Dandan Middle School)

MAY



"Climate change affects the CNMI's coral reefs through increased heat waves from the sun, which can kill coral reefs. I plant trees to help coral reefs." - Gemrene E. (Grade 8, Hopwood Middle School)

SEPTEMBER



"Climate change is damaging the Earth by this very second. Climate change is affecting our coral reefs and if our coral reefs disappear we will lose protection from storms." - Auriela F. (Grade 6, Dandan Middle School)

FEBRUARY



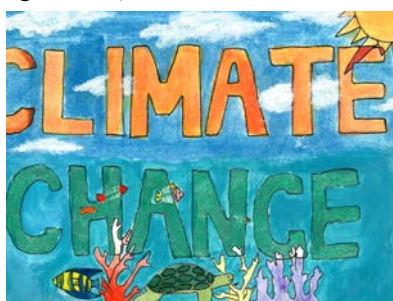
"Climate change damages our coral reefs. Thermal stress causes coral reefs to bleach, which can cause the coral to starve" - Gracie M. (Grade 8, Dandan Middle School)

JUNE



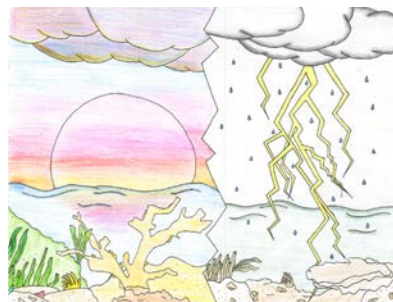
"Coral reefs are an important part of CNMI's marine and island ecosystem. Climate change continues to damage our reefs. Warming sea temperatures are causing corals to suffer from bleaching." - Mercedes C. (Grade 9, Saipan Southern High School)

OCTOBER



"Climate change kills our coral reefs and makes it very hard for animals to find food to survive" - Ale'a D. (Grade 8, Dandan Middle School)

MARCH



"Climate change leads a warming ocean, coral bleaching, and infectious disease." - Gwyneth Y. (Grade 8, Dandan Middle School)

JULY



"Climate change causes temperatures to rise in the ocean. This leads to corals becoming bleached or diseased. CNMI's coral reefs are experiencing just that" - Cheyenne Y. (Grade 11, Marianas High School)

NOVEMBER



"Climate change affects our coral reefs though increased heat temperatures that lead to bleaching" - Erick G. (Grade 8, Dandan Middle School)

APRIL



"People need to change, we need to change the way we are treating our coral reefs and ocean" - Johanna M. (Grade 8, Dandan Middle School)

AUGUST



"Climate change affects coral reefs by heating up the ocean which leads to increased coral bleaching and growth of algae." - Ye Zhi S. (Grade 8, Hopwood Middle School)

DECEMBER



"Sea level rise is a result of climate change. This also means more typhoons and debris in our ocean" - Prashib P. (Grade 8, Dandan Middle School)