

May 4, 2020

Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Vice Mayor John Knox White
Councilmember Tony Daysog
Councilmember Jim Oddie
Councilmember Malia Vella

Re: 2020 Earth Week: Student Letters of Appreciation

Dear Mayor Ashcraft & Members of the City Council:

Each year, Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA), and our citywide partner Alameda Green Schools Challenge, invite students across the island to write letters celebrating Earth Day.

Past letters have focused on:

- Plastic Straws and their impact on the environment (which contributed to the City's consideration of its reusable foodware ordinance)
- Thank you notes to students' favorite restaurants for complying with the City's single-use plastic foodware ban

This year, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and recognizing the challenging times that we are in, students were invited to write a letter to Alameda's City leaders about what they are **grateful for on this 50th Earth Day AND how we can keep improving our local climate!**

We were blown away by the responses which included appreciation for Alameda's bike paths, parks and beaches, safe neighborhoods, trees, plants, beautiful places to walk and more.

Some of the recommendations students suggest we follow to improve Alameda's climate, include: choosing reusables, biking and walking instead of driving, planting more trees and gardens, reducing litter, eating less meat, reducing & reusing goods, using less water, turning off the lights, and wasting less food. (Their voices. Their ideas!)

These student letters are still rolling in. What we love MOST about this campaign is its ability to communicate far and wide, across Alameda, with students and families. From a social-equity standpoint, this "optional" assignment reaches everyone through our partner network of AUSD administration, teachers, PTA's, parents, families and student groups. It gives every K-12 student an opportunity – to provide input, and to help us all see the future Alameda **they** want to create.

We are delighted to present you with this first batch of letters. Alongside, we want to express our thanks for your leadership in continuing to make the City of Alameda a model for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change. CASA looks forward to being an ongoing partner with the City in achieving the goals of Alameda's Climate Action and Resilience Plan.

Sincerely,

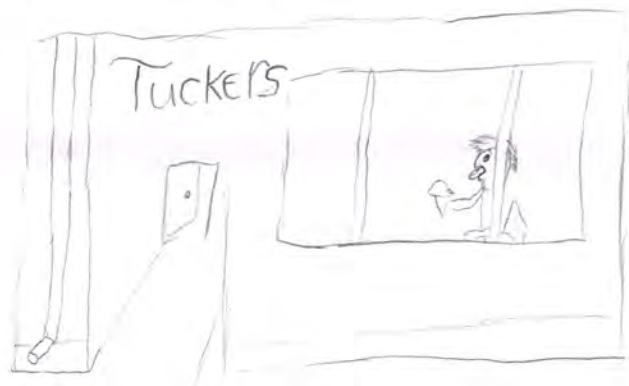


Debi Ryan, Steering Committee
Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am very grateful for having a nice community to live in, even while we are in quarantine. The thing I love most are the walking trails and bike trails. They are all over the place and they give us options for how we can get to the places we need to get to. That makes us use less of our cars so we pollute less. Another thing I love about Alameda is the community. For example, I have a YouTube channel (MrGoat_Craft) and some of my fans said they live in Alameda and they are always showing me support. There are some things we could work on to help Alameda's climate and those things are we should have a day where everyone goes to a park and plants a tree. It could happen sometime every year on Earth week. One more thing we could do to help is we could have store workers raise the price for plastic bags or add a price if they have not already. One thing I do to help Alameda is I ride my bike to school every day. And now during quarantine I take a walk around town every morning.

Here is a drawing of my favorite place in alameda:



Sincerely,

Aidan Sloan

6th Grade, Mrs. Thompson

Lincoln Middle School

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I'm grateful for there being less driving because of COVID-19. (Don't get me wrong I think COVID stinks like **REALLY OLD milk**, but it's good for the environment.) I feel this way because the Earth needed a break! A break from all the carbon and stuff.

One way I think we can improve Alameda's climate is to plant more trees, plants, ferns, (etc., etc.) because: I once read that seaweed is responsible for 80% of Photosynthesis so I thought "Hey, why aren't the trees pitchin' in!" so that is why I think we should plant **A LOT** more trees.

This is my favorite place in Alameda:



It's the Skate Park down at the old Naval Base by the Bladium! I like to skateboard, I used to scooter there but now I Skateboard.

Sincerely,

Evan Charles Hackett

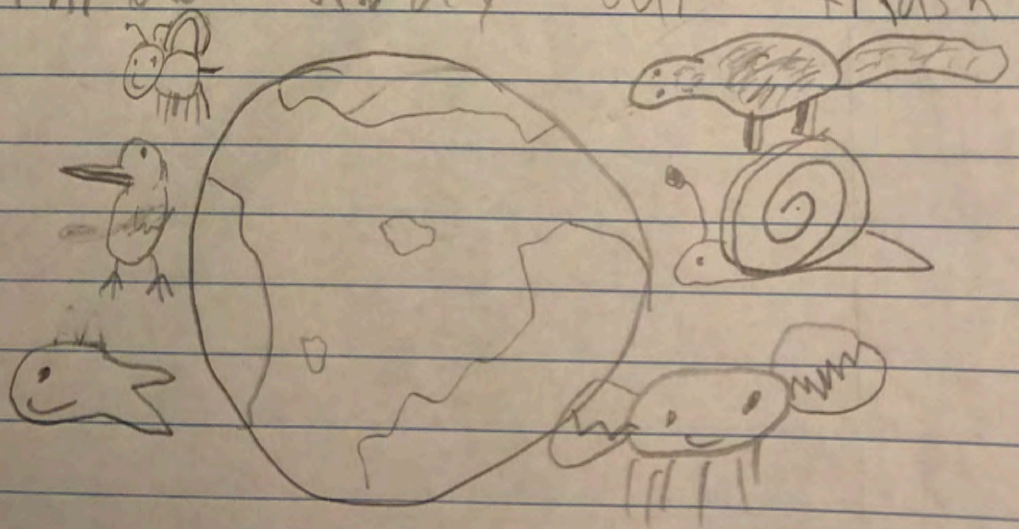
4th grade, teacher is Mrs.Oteiku

Bay Farm is my school.

Dear Mayor Ashcraft
and Alameda City
Council members,

I am grateful for the
animals in Alameda on
this 50th Earth day. I
feel this way because I
like animals.

One way I think we
can keep improving our
climate in Alameda is to
litter less because it is
bad for the Earth to
not throw away our trash.



Sincerely,
Asher

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2nd grade, Ms. Twite
Franklin

4/23/2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council
Members, I am grateful for the parks in
Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this
way because I like playing in the parks and
riding my bike there! ~~one~~

One way I think we can keep improving our
climate in Alameda is to limit the driving policy
and make more room for bikes and scooters. ~~to~~

OK?

Sincerely,

Gabe Ryan

2 Graders, Del Rosario
Edison



4-22-20

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and City Council Members,

I'm grateful for how our city has stopped using plastic utensils, straws, and containers and has started using reusable utensils, straws, and containers. I have seen some plastic from time to time, but not as much as before. I think that our city has made a very big difference over time.

When I think of the earth I think of how beautiful it used to be. Now it is all covered in gas and trash, but I think that could change.

A few ways that we could help our climate in Alameda are to use less cars and gas. Some people have figured out ways to make gas out of sugar cane, corn, and other foods/grains. We could also use electric cars that are powered by energy such as wind and solar. We could also just ride our bikes, scooters, hoverboards, etc.

These are ways to make trash disappear in Alameda. We could start using more reusable containers, or we could go down to the beach and pick up all the trash and plastic bags there. There are multiple reasons why we don't want any more plastic. One of them is because trash comes down into the ocean and hurts/kills innocent little creatures. Another reason is that plastic pollutes our local beaches. There are more ways to help out with many of these things.

Sincerely,
Ellie Ryan
Ms. Carpenter, 4th grade
Edison Elementary

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for the trees and parks in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because the parks are fun and nice. The trees are beautiful and sometimes fun to climb in. Also, we need trees to live and they need us.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to walk and bike more often if we are going somewhere because then there will be less pollution and global warming which will help the environment and slow down the melting ice caps. I am very glad that alameda is banning plastic straws because billions of them get used every year and they get stuck in the oceans and harm marine life. If we don't use plastic straws, we can make a big difference. Instead, we can use a paper or metal straw to be green. Or we could not use a straw and just sip from the cup.

Sincerely,

Craig

Craig

Carpenter

Edison

L i f e



I am grateful for the trees in
Alameda. If in this way deciduous they give
us clean air and we can climb them
we can keep improving by planting
more.

Love Liam Geiman.
Mrs. Lewis.
Bay Farm.



I am grateful for the planet
I feel this way because
I love it
we can improve it by
reusing items.

Love Lillian

Fram Hamill

Bay Farm

April 20,2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

My name is Ellie and I love to bake. One thing I found very helpful when baking or any time, was getting a compost bin. When you get a compost bin you can put your eggshells, fruit peels, leftover or unfinished food, and basically anything compostable in there! This can help Alameda by rotting your food and getting fertile soil out of it to plant more plants. My family puts fresh cut grass, fallen leaves, weeds, moldy fruits, and plenty more in our compost bin! Alameda won't have to buy dirt anymore, they can make it! I think the city should provide recyclable compost bins for everyone. I find this an egg-cellent idea!!

Sincerely,

Ellie :)

Grade 4

Teacher: Karen Cheung

Amelia Earhart School



From: Rylee Aniliet

I am grateful for the parks
because they are fun
I love them

Maya Lin
Ms. Sanchez
1st
grade



I would help
in Alameda plant
Trees.

4/22/2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for having trees in Alameda on this 50th Earth day. I feel this way because trees are good for the Earth. One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to eat our leftovers and to use more reusable things. The movie theater is one of my favorite places in Alameda because they are really good about recycling.

Here is a picture of my favorite place in Alameda:



Sincerely,

Dylan Sloan
2nd Grade, Mrs. Hinds
Edison Elementary School

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for everything you guys do, and I am grateful for the climate. I feel this way because I think that we are improving our climate by taking care of our trash. One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to bring things that you can reuse, including glass cups, reusable bags, and reusable containers to restaurants and parks.

Here is a photo of my favorite place in Alameda.



Sincerely,
Ishwa Hashimi
5th Grade/Kelly Schroeder
Edison Elementary School

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for bike paths just about everywhere in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because I really like going on bike rides with family and friends. We can help climate change by biking or walking to school whenever we can instead of driving every day.

Sincerely,
Lukas lager
5th grade
Edison School

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for you letting us stay home and not letting us go outside because of the virus in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because you are letting us be safe by staying home.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to plant more trees, plants and gardens because if other plants die we can still get oxygen from the plants we already planted.

Sincerely,
Nathan Chen
5 grade / Mrs. Schroeder
Edison School

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for all of the beautiful parks in Alameda. I feel this way because its beauty can calm you down. Also, without these parks Alameda wouldn't be that beautiful.

One way I think we can keep improving the climate in Alameda is to cut down on car use, and use bikes instead. it would help the ozone and the air that we breathe in. Another idea is using electric cars instead of ones that use gasoline.

Sincerely,

Kylie

5th grade Mrs. Schroeder's class

Edison Elementary School

April 24, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft,

I am grateful for Crab Cove and

Franklin park in Alameda

on Earth Day. I feel this

way because its fun to ride

our bikes to the parks.

One way I think we can keep

improving our climate in

Alameda is to drive our cars

less and ride our bikes more

Sincerely,

Ashwin Swift

1st Grade, Mrs. Ingram

Franklin school

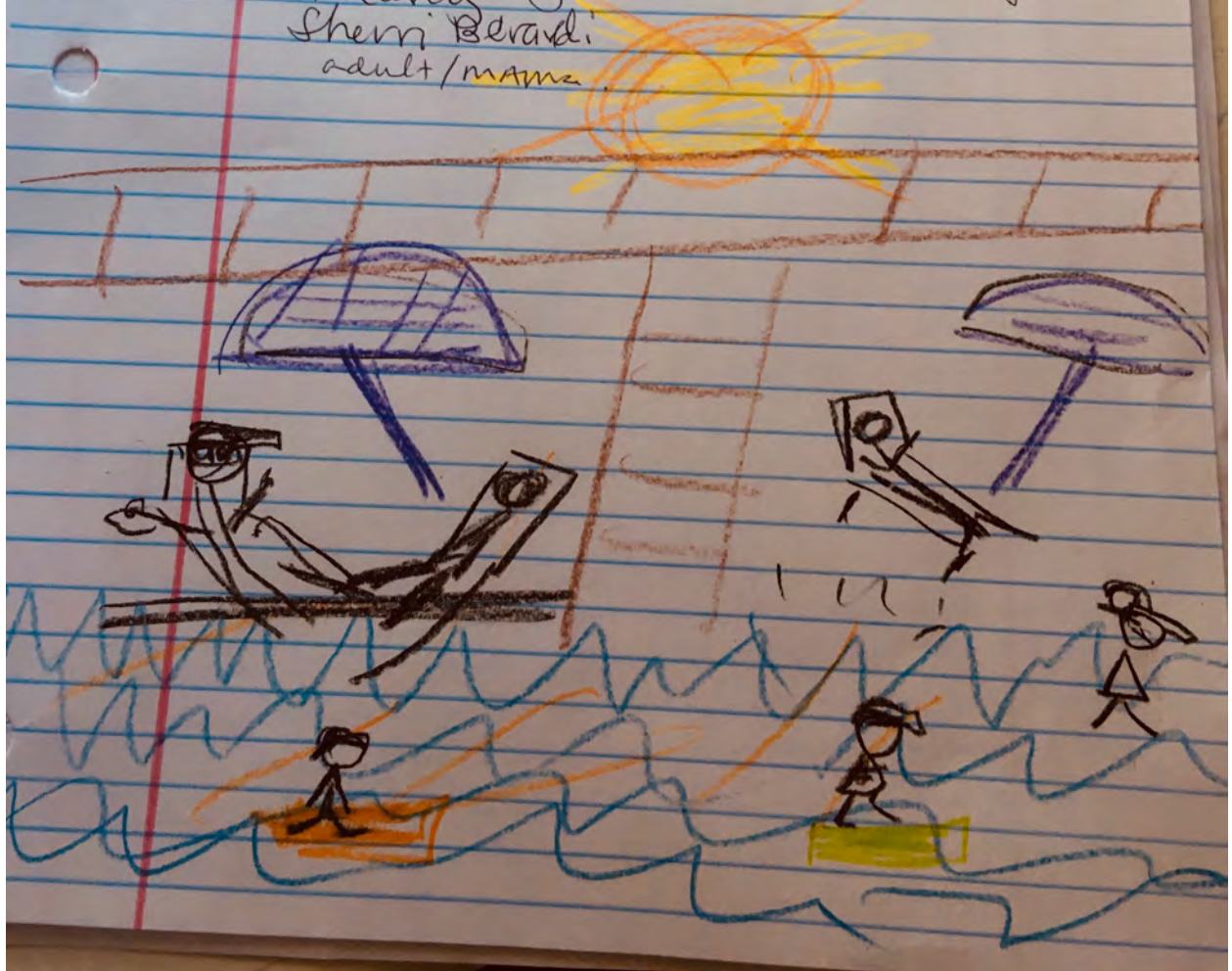
4/24/20

Dear Mayor Ashcraft & Alameda
City Council members,

I am grateful for the clean
neighborhoods and green landscape
in Alameda on this 50th Earth
Day. It makes my heart smile.

One way I think we can
keep improving our climate in
Alameda is to promote walking
and biking in our community.

Sincerely
Sherri Berardi
adult/mama

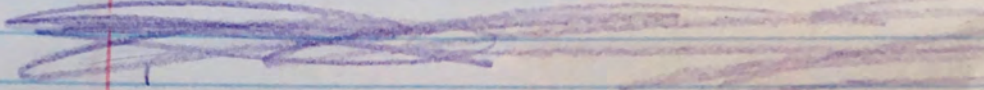


Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda city council members, 4/24/20

I am grateful for the safe neighborhoods in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because I want to be able to feel safe roaming around the block's.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to not drive as much.

Here is a drawing or photo of my favorite place in Alameda.



Sincerely
Adela Becker
5th grade
Schroeder
Edison

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,
I am grateful for all of the parks and beaches and plants in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel like all of the parks and beaches are a good place to spend time enjoying the outdoors. One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is by making sure there is no litter in the parks and on the beaches.

Here is a photo of my favorite place in Alameda (my house).



Sincerely,
Leo Daily
4th grade
Edison Elementary.

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda

City Council members,

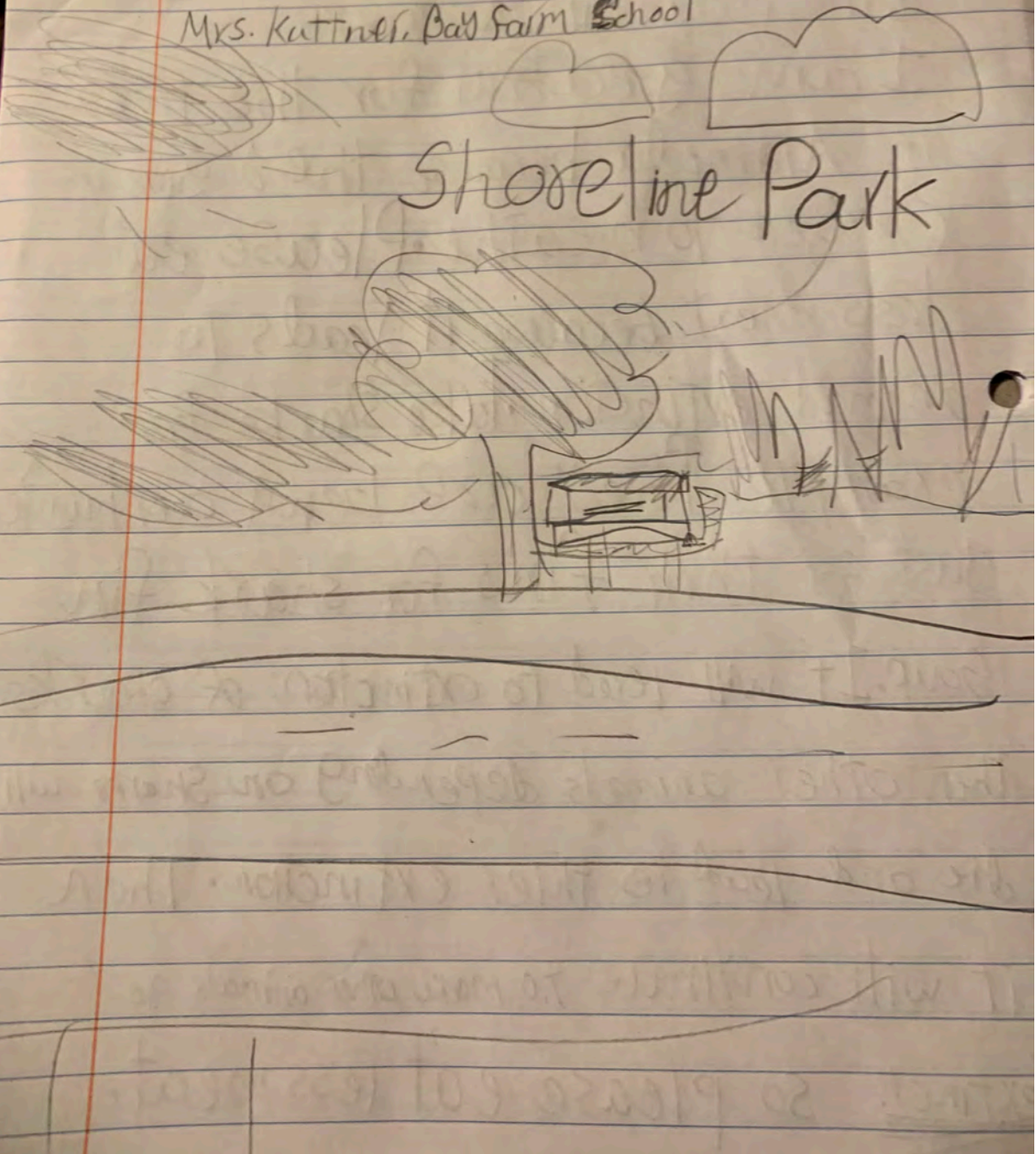
I am grateful for the trees in Alameda because they give us oxygen to breathe. Please eat less meat because it leads to

animal extinction. Take sharks for example. They are being overhunted just for their fins for shark fin soup. It will lead to extinction of sharks. Then other animals depending on sharks will die and lead to their extinction. Then

it will continue to make other animals go extinct. so please eat less meat.

Sincerely, Samie Hassan, 2nd grade,

Mrs. Kuttner, Bay Farm School



Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

Today, I went outside for a walk. I immediately noticed the different shades of green in the trees as the sun hit their leaves. Then, I noticed the striking blue sky and fresh air from a wayward breeze that put me in a great mood. I'm incredibly grateful for these things in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day.

One way I think we can keep this great climate in Alameda is to aim for a circular economy where we incorporate sustainable packaging, renewable roads, classrooms made from recycled plastic, and more into our lives. We can also expand our recycling habits by putting an emphasis on separating cans, plastic, glass, and paper (bottles), so they can be collected and recycled more easily.

This is a poster that I drew, showing an emphasis on embodying renewable energy sources into our lives and thus powering our city. My dream is that one day, we will figure out a way to control nuclear fusion which is a better and cleaner energy source. Here's also a nice picture I took on my walk.



Sincerely,
Asta Li
9th Grade
California Crosspoint Academy

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for my house in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because my house is 2 stories and has carpet and tile and a wood floor and also a rug in the family room. One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to use less water because we're in a drought.

Attached is a photo of my favorite place in Alameda that I call the Boat Schaff. It is located at Central and Eastshore. I like to sit on the bench and look at the water.

Sincerely,

Claire Hoff

11th/Ms. Thea Colton (Special Education Class)

Alameda High School

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and
Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for beautiful
places to walk my dog in
Alameda on this 50th Earth
day. I feel this way because there's
no litter. One way I think
we can keep improving our climate
in Alameda is to turn off the
lights when you leave the house
or leave the room.

Sincerely, Clara Berger

2nd Grade

bay farm school

Here is a picture of my favorite place in Alameda



4/21/20

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda city council members

I am grateful for the amazing parks in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because my family and I enjoy coming and playing in the parks. One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to waste less food because then we'll have less waste and garbage.

Sincerely,
Blake Hackett
grade 2 MRS. Lewis
Bay farm

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for the beach in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because I love the earth.

One way I think we can improve our climate in Alameda is ride less vehicles.

Here is a drawing of my favorite place in Alameda.

Sincerely,

Student Name Avery Gardner
Grade/Teacher 2 /Mrs. Kuttner
School Bay Farm



Dear, Mayor Ashcraft, and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for the community in Alameda because we usually don't throw away garbage on the ground and we also take care of Alameda. I feel this way because if we threw away our garbage on the ground and didn't care for our community, then we wouldn't have a healthy and clean place to live. One way I think we can improve our climate in Alameda is instead of using one-use plastic, we could reuse things like bags.

Tiffany Vi

April 24, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for the ocean views in bay farm island in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because it makes me feel calm and happy when I see the ocean. One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to ask more people to go to clean-up places near the ocean.

Sincerely,

Mason Gee

Ms.Bader/Grade 2

Amelia Earhart School

April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for the festivals and parks in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because we could do a live Earth Day in our homes by using all the cardboard or plastic bottles and reuse them to make new arts and crafts. I am glad I live here because Alameda is a nice town to live in . My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches when we go on field trips to Encinal Beach and Crown Beach picking up trash and helping the environment .

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is minimize the wasteWe should also plant more trees and plants because you can save trees from forming into paper by using less sheets of paper.We should bring our reusable bags, mugs, and take-out containers because you can use the 5 R'sWe should walk, roll, and carpool or ride-share because to help stop the earth warming from taking OVER THE EARTH.I hope everyone in Alameda will refuse, reuse, repair, recycle, and rot because those are the 5 R's to save the earth. We should all use less water because water is the most precious thing in the earth that all our bodies need choose renewable energy because cars and motor machines

make the air polluted and water so use less motor machines. Here is a photo of my favorite place in Alameda.



Sincerely,
Athene Khalid
3rd Grader in Mrs.Katz's class
Paden Elementary School

April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for all the parties in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because not every city has so many parties. Whenever I see a drawing of the earth I am glad I live here because Alameda we celebrate earth day. My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches when we care about the beaches.

One way I think we can improve our climate in Alameda is to have soap at parks so that we don't need to bring soap to the park. We should bring our reusable bags, mugs, and take-out containers because we want to use less plastic.

Here is a photo of my favorite place in Alameda.



Sincerely,

Audrey Lo
3rd Grader in Mrs. Katz's class
Paden School

April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for the people who are still working in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because we need to make money and buy food for our families. Whenever I see people working hard I am glad I live here because then I know that I'm in good hands. My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches when we pick up trash.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to recycle and not litter and pick up trash that isn't yours like we did.

Sincerely,

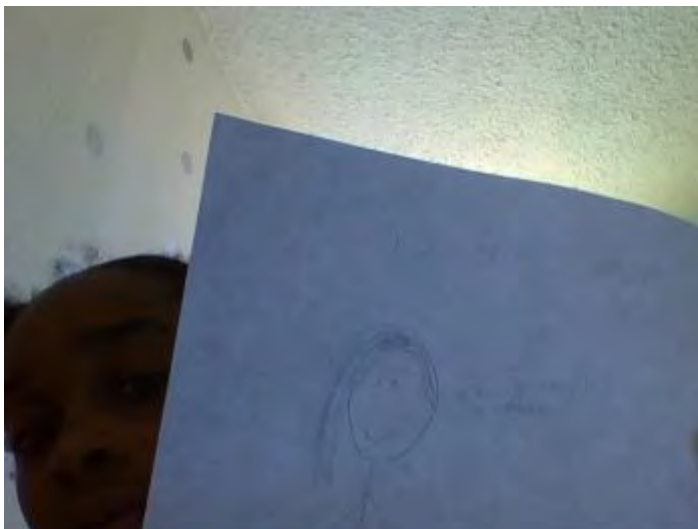
Aundrea Trujillo
3rd Grader in Mrs. Katz's class
Paden School

April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for all the doctors in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because we wouldn't be here without them. Whenever I see Alameda I am glad I live here because it's so beautiful. My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches when we go on a field trip.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to bring our reusable bags, mugs and take out containers. Here is a drawing or photo of my favorite place in Alameda.



i love going to the ice cream shop next to my school.

Sincerely,
Danielle in Mrs. Katz's class
3rd grade, Paden school

April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for trees in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because trees help people breathe. Whenever I see trees I am glad I live here because without trees I would not be able to draw on paper. My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches when we clean up the litter.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to eat less meat because it is good for animals

Here is a drawing or photo of my favorite place in Alameda, Washington Park.



Sincerely,

Eleanor Huffman
3rd Grader in Mrs. Katz's class
Paden School

April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for the grass and trees and the plants in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because it makes the city beautiful and it gives us air. Whenever I see the healthy bay I am glad I live here because it is unique and I get to live by it. My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches when we picked up trash.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to use electric cars so you can not poison the earth with gas.

Here is a drawing or photo of my favorite place in Alameda.



Sincerely,
Emese Sogor
3rd Grader in Mrs. Katz's class
Paden School

April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for planting more trees,plants in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because it's a fun project and saving the earth. Whenever I see flowers I am glad I live here because without flowers it wouldn't smell good. My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches when we go there.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to pick out trash.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lai
3rd Grader in Mrs. Katz's class
Paden School

April 22, 2020



Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for the beautiful beach in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because I am feeling happy and excited. Whenever I see the ocean, I can see the boat and we play in the sand and the water. I am glad I live here because I like Alameda. My classmates and I worked to protect Alameda's beaches. When we went on the trip to the beach, we picked up trash, and garbage.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to recycle plastic bags .

Sincerely,

Liam Ivan Torrejas
3rd Grader in Mrs. Katz's class
Paden School

April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for the beautiful plants and flowers in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel grateful because I know that the beauty around me is here to stay. Whenever I see lively animals I am glad I live here because I know some other places are not as great as our island. My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches when we pick up the litter during our walking field trips.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to bring our own bags and cups and straws because every straw, bag and cup we refuse helps to reduce waste and preserve the planet.

Here is photo of my favorite place in Alameda.



Sincerely,
Luisa Estella Ruelos
3rd Grader in Mrs. Katz's class
Paden School

April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for my school in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because my school helps me learn things I don't even know. Whenever I see my friends I am glad I live here because everyone in my class is wonderful. My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches. When we go to the beach we sometimes draw what we see but when we get to the beach we choose a partner one of them chooses a bucket and one chooses a picker upper.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to go outside and try to use your body to feel the air and then you ask yourself if it is cold or hot.

Sincerely,

Ma'lanie Harris

Ms.Katz 3rd grade
Paden School

April 22, 2020

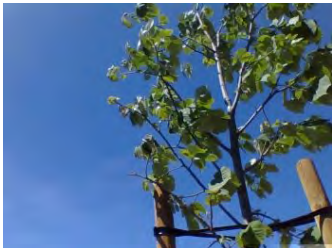
Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

On this 50th Earth Day, I am grateful for Timmy Timpson, my new tree in my front yard, planted by Alameda. I feel this way because this is the first tree my family has ever planted and I want to take great care of him. I see that my tree is healthy. I am excited to see him as a big tree because my dad forgot what kind of tree it is. I really want to know what kind.

I am glad I live here because I like going to the tennis courts with my dad and brother when there was no COVID-19 . My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches when we go on a walk. Ms.Katz always wants to bring the grabbers and bins to pick up trash.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to plant more trees, plants and gardens because plants help us breathe without them we would all be dead right now. Also, plants are part of wildlife and they make everything greener and more cheerful.

Timmy Timpson!



Sincerely,

Marlowe
3rd Grader in Mrs. Katz's class
Paden School

April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for all the green grass because in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because I can play in my backyard. Whenever I see a dead flower I'd pour water on it. I am glad I live here because I get to play with new friends. My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches when we pick up trash.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to keep it very clean.

Sincerely,

Mohamed
3rd Grader in Mrs. Katz's class
Paden School

April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for Alameda Mayor in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because she was telling others that we should have the Alameda Library. Whenever I see the Alameda Library I am glad I live here because she was the one to tell them to build it. My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches when we were picking up trash at the beach.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to plant more trees, plants, and gardens because they are beautiful and calming when you are stressed and Alameda is probably really stressed right now.

Here is a drawing or photo of my favorite place in Alameda.



Sincerely,

Moriah
3rd Grader in Mrs. Katz's class
Paden School

April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for the beaches in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because the water makes me very calm. Whenever I see the bay I am glad I live here because it is so beautiful. My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches when we picked up trash.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to have boxes with grabbers and buckets all over Alameda so people can clean trash.

Here is a drawing or photo of my favorite place in Alameda.



Sincerely,

Oliver
3rd Grader in Mrs. Katz's class
Paden School

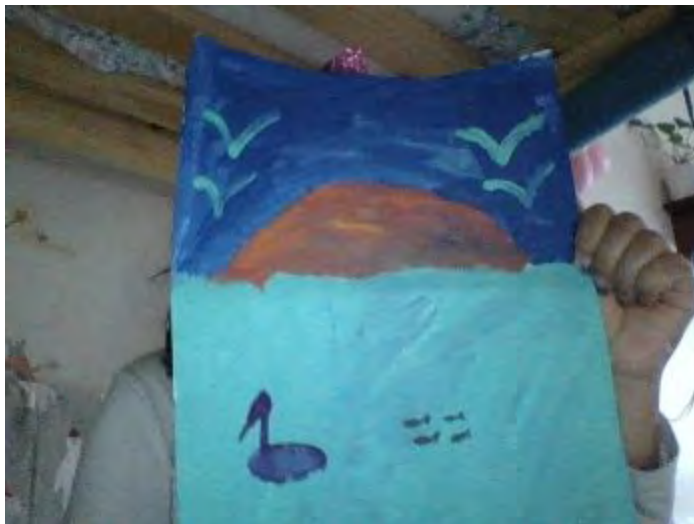
April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for staying healthy in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because I am always up for anything. Whenever I see lovely friends I am glad I live here because we will always be friends . My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches when we go to the beaches and collect trash.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to use the 5 Rs. We should always reuse our bags so more of the bags don't end up in the bay.

Here is a drawing or photo of my favorite place in Alameda: The Bay.



Sincerely,

Reya Renil
3rd Grader in Mrs. Katz's class
Paden School

April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for Franklin Park in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because I get to see my friends there. Whenever I see In And Out Burgers I am glad I live here because I can get a quick meal. My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches when we go to Crab Cove or Encinal Beach.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to pick up trash we see on the ground and places. Most people should know to waste less food because they're gonna take more of earth's resources.

Here is a photo of my favorite place in Alameda.



Sincerely,

Ryan Kennneth Lee
3rd Grader
Mrs. Katz's class
Paden School

Dear mayor Ashcraft
and Alameda city council
members I am
Grateful for the
trees and the parks
in Alameda. On this 50th
Earth Day, I feel
happy this way because
you are making
the world a better
world. alex alameda
1st grad
edison school

From: Alexandra Olsen,
Grade 1
Ms. Micka Geritz
Edison Elementary School



happy
Earth Day!



CASA
50th Anniversary of Earth Day
info@casa-alameda.org

Dear CASA, City Council and Mayor,

What I like about Alameda is how big and wide the bike lanes are on the beach and I like riding my bike and one wheel on it And I can see the ocean while I'm riding my bike or one wheel which is very cool .

I think to help alameda's climate we can stop cars after 6 seconds of not moving then less pollution will be put into the air. and make more bike lanes so bikers can go to areas safer And I think that that would encourage more people to bike And not used cars for less pollution.

Warm regards,

Lincoln Jones
4th Grader at Edison Elementary



April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for using less water because in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because I do not waste lots of water. Whenever I see the rainbow I am glad I live here because I get to see the rainbow. My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches. When we see trash on the beach we clean it up so the plants or animals won't die.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to keep the environment clean. Here is a picture of one of my favorite places in Alameda.



Sincerely,

Wayne Huang
3rd Grader in Mrs. Katz's class
Paden School

April 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for the earth because I would have never been here if the earth didn't exist in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because if I didn't live I couldn't have had all these great teachers, friends and a great family. Whenever I see my family in a good mood I am glad I live here because I would know if they're having a good time. My classmates and I have worked to protect Alameda's beaches when we go pick up trash.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to clean the beaches.

Sincerely,

Yaruu

3rd Grader in Mrs. Katz's class

Paden School

Dear Mayer Ashcraft and Alameda city
council members,
I am grateful for the parks in
Alameda on this 50th Earth day. I feel
this way because I like playing. One
way I can improve our climate in
Alameda is to pick up trash.

Here is a drawing of me
on the swing.



Sincerely,

Sebastian L.

2nd grade

Ms. Twitte

Franklin

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

I am grateful for how much we have improved on keeping our city and earth clean in Alameda on this 50th Earth day. I feel this way because many other places in comparison have trash and things that are supposed to be in the landfills, on the ground. I have not seen much of it in Alameda and that makes me proud the community is doing well.

One thing Alameda could do to stop waste is to not waste food. An easy way to do that is to save leftovers and eat them for the next meal and then only cook again. That prevents a lot of leftover food.

Sincerely,

Rishika

5th grade/ Mr.Lonsdale's class

Edison elementary school

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and
Alameda City Council members

I am grateful for Chad Cove in
Alameda on this 50th birthday day
I feel this way because
I like to play in the sand
and water with my shovel
precisely the way I think we can
keep improving our
climate in Alameda is

to plant more trees
because they produce air
Here is a picture of my
favorite place in Alameda

Sincerely,
grade Ms. Ingram's class at

Tuesday 7/21/20

Dear Mayor Ashcraft
and Alameda City Council members,

I am grateful for Crab Cove in Alameda on this 50th Earth Day. I feel this way because I like to play in the sand and water with my shovel.

One way I think we can keep improving our climate in Alameda is to plant more trees because they produce air.

Here is a picture of my favorite place in Alameda.

Sincerely, Calvin Tobon

1st Grade Ms. Ingrams Class at Franklin

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda
City Council Members, I am
gratefull for Beaches in Alameda
on this 50th Earth Day
Because it's really
hot right now. one way
I think we can keep
improving our climate
in Alameda is to stop
furthering Alameda
Beaches.

Sincerely

Student Name

Alayna Gilroy

Grade 1st grade

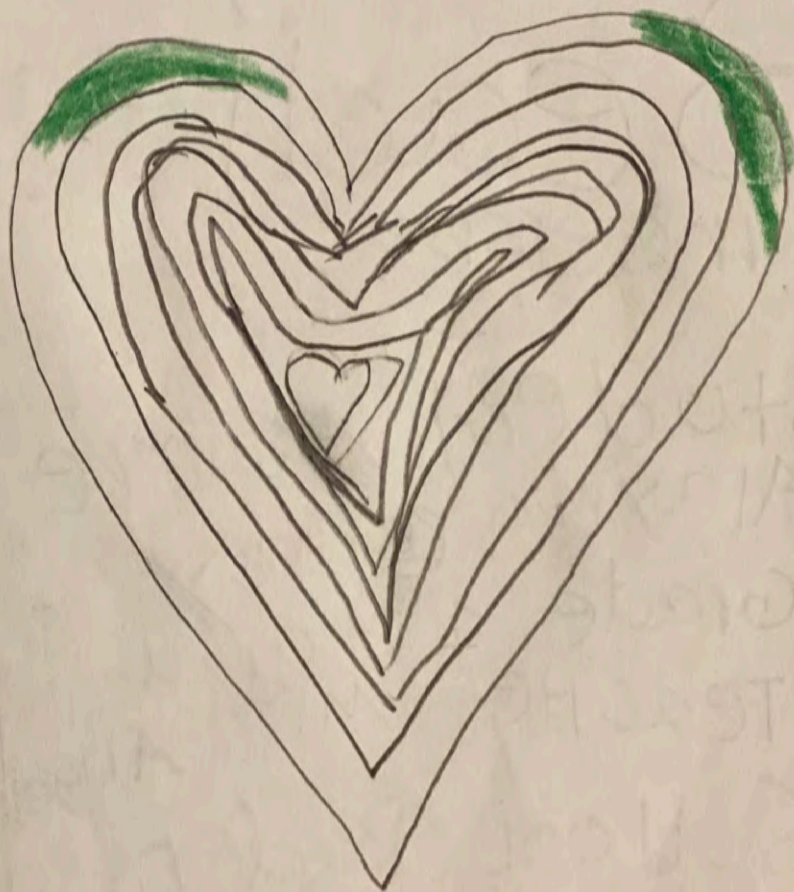
Teacher Miss Angela

School Paden

Elementary.



I LOVE Alameda



Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda city Council members, I am grateful for trees in Alameda on this 50th Earth day. I feel this way because trees give us oxygen and trees look beautiful because in fall the tree leaves change color. Also trees are a home to many animals. We can't live without trees. We can save these trees by not cutting down them to make paper. We can save paper by using both sides. For every tree Alameda cuts down they should plant a new tree. Thank you Mayor Ashcraft for all the things you're doing to help make Alameda a better place. Love, Avery Li.

Second grade

M/S, Gordon

Bay farm school

Dear Mayor Aschcraft and Alameda City Council
Members,

Thank you for taking some of your time to read my letter. I am grateful for my family, my friends, my teachers at school, and to live in the beautiful city of Alameda this 50th Earth Day. All the people I just mentioned help me grow both education wise and as a person. They shape my future and help me be the person I want to be. One way I think we can continue to improve our climate here in Alameda and worldwide is to plant more trees. Trees are so important in saving Earth because they take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen. This makes our air cleaner and reduces the effects of global warming. Therefore, planting trees and other plants is crucial to saving Earth.

Sincerely,

Luke Saum

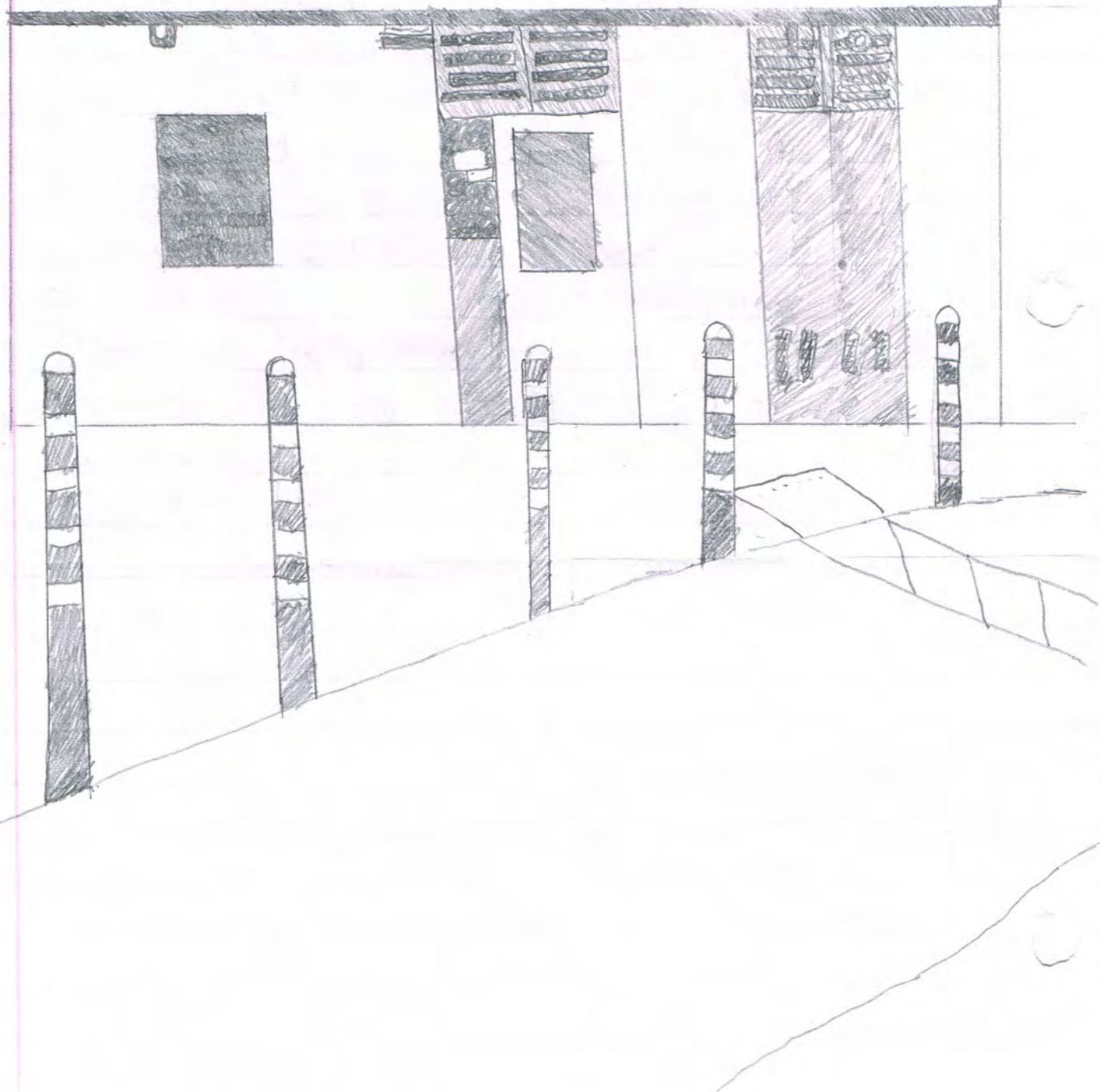
7th Grade/Mrs. Hartigan
Lincoln Middle School

Drawing of LMS on back

Lincoln
Middle School

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Distinguished
School

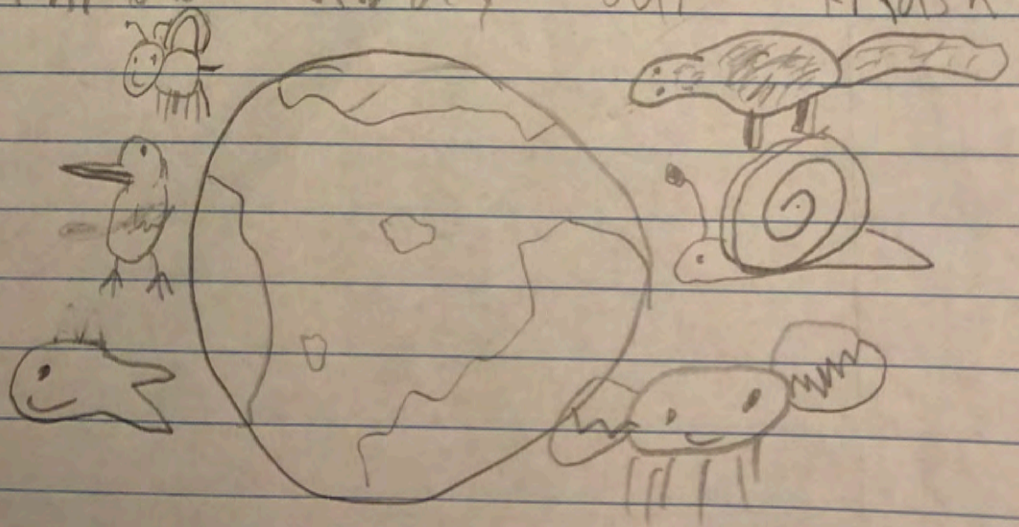
California
Distinguished
School
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Dear Mayor Ashcraft
and Alameda City
Council members,

I am grateful for the
animals in Alameda on
this 50th Earth day. I
feel this way because I
like animals.

One way I think we
can keep improving our
climate in Alameda is to
litter less because it is
bad for the Earth to
not throw away our trash



Sincerely,
Asher

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2nd grade, Ms. Twite
Franklin

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

These are some things I am thankful for:

- living on the estuary of Alameda
- beaches of Alameda
- Edison elementary school
- Home
- and last but not least the parks.

One thing I think we can do to help climate change stop is to make some crews of people to clean the estuary of Alameda.

Albert Mckinley
2nd grade,
Ms. Hinds
Edison Elementary

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Alameda City Council Members,

On Earth Day, I am thankful for the estuary next to Alameda. I love to swim and jump off diving boards into the estuary. It is fun! I wish the water was cleaner.

One thing we can do to continue improving the environment in Alameda is to keep the water cleaner. We can create cleanup crews to clean up trash that they find near the water and in the water.

Sincerely,
Numa McKinley
4th grade/Ms. Westlund
Edison Elementary