

# Bethlehem school kids' art work adorns reusable tote bags in the battle against single-use plastic bags — order yours now!

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*(The latest in a series of posts relating to the environment, Bethlehem's Climate Action Plan, and Bethlehem's Environmental Advisory Council)*

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At the end of last school year, I organized a drawing contest ([Beth contest](#)) in the Bethlehem schools with the theme “Designing for a Cleaner Future.” The purpose was to have students draw a picture that promoted a cleaner environment. Students could also include a motto or saying in their designs. I received over 100 submissions from kindergarteners to high school seniors. Four winners were chosen, and

their designs were printed on reusable tote bags. These bags are being sold as a fundraiser to support environmental projects in the schools. We already have a 5th grade class who would like to use some of this money to start a pollinator garden at their school.

From left to right in the picture, the winners are a 3rd grader from Lincoln, a 7th grader from Nitschmann, a 5th grader from William Penn, and a senior from Liberty.

I sent a flyer to all principals and art teachers in the school district. Not all art teachers had an email posted on the BASD website, but a flyer was at least sent to the school's email or principal's email. Not all schools replied, and some replied but did not submit artwork. The youngest submissions were from kindergarteners and the oldest were high school seniors.

The bags are \$8/each, and Gadfly followers can order bags (why not more than 1?) using the form attached: [beth Order Form](#)

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*It is Sunday, September 15, do you know where your local Climate Action Plan is?*

