March 12, 2021

Dear Area Teacher:

The Western Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) is hosting a Chemists Celebrate Earth Week illustrated poetry contest for students in grades K-12. The theme this year is “Reducing Our Footprint with Chemistry.” Participants are broken into four age groups with first ($25), second ($15), and third ($10) place prizes awarded in each category.

Enclosed are both a classroom and informational flyer with more details and contest rules. We will also be hosting a virtual Q&A session on March 26, 2021, from 11:00-11:30am. If you (or your whole class) want to ask questions of the coordinators this would be a great time to talk to us. You can also send us questions before hand at [info@wmdacs.org](mailto:info@wmdacs.org), and we’ll be sure to have answers for them. If you cannot join us at that time a recording will also be available to registrants. Registration can be found at <http://bit.ly/38yBgc6>. As a thank you for registering, a goodie bag for you and your classroom will be mailed to every registered teacher.

The Section is also excited to share and help with other Earth Week activities. Ideas for all grade levels can be found at <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/outreach/ccew/educational-resources.html>.

Kind Regards,

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