

# VALLEY AIR NEWS



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## Kids calendars have arrived!

Highly anticipated by thousands of Valley residents every year, the new Healthy Air Living Kids calendar is here and being distributed to Valley schools, community groups, healthcare facilities, churches, civic organizations and non-profit groups to help promote Healthy Air Living throughout the year.

Fifteen talented Valley students are featured in the 2013 calendar, a bilingual, full-color wall calendar just released by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

On an annual basis, this highly educational collection of art showcases 15 original works, chosen from hundreds of entries by children in each of the eight counties of the Valley Air Basin. The creative and colorful drawings illustrate a monthly clean-air message in both English and Spanish.

The Valley Air District congratulates the following students – and all students who entered -- for their gifted artistic ability and understanding of the Valley’s air quality challenges. The District also thanks the parents and teachers of these students for encouraging them to enter the calendar contest.

- Julia Shannon, cover artist (*below*),



- Stanislaus County, 4th grade
- Phoebe Southimath, San Joaquin County, 7th grade
- Elizabeth Leung, Kern County, 5th grade
- Juliana Velasquez, Fresno County 8th grade.
- Celine Chhit, Fresno County, 3rd grade.
- Angelle Jaquez, Madera County, 6th grade
- Cesar Andrade (*below*), Tulare County, 11th grade



- Alma Barboza, Merced County, 4th grade.
- Daisy Ortiz, Tulare County, 5th grade.
- Annel Mercado, San Joaquin County, 5th grade.
- Nikolle Sanchis, San Joaquin County, 6th grade.
- A.J. Presto, Stanislaus County, 4th grade.
- Arieana Gutierrez, Tulare County, 1st grade.
- Haley Lorca, Kings County, 6th grade.
- Aneliz Moreno, Tulare County, 7th grade.

The District prints 20,000 copies of the popular, free publication and distributes them Valley-wide.

The 2013 calendars are available while supplies last and can be requested at: [public.education@valleyair.org](mailto:public.education@valleyair.org) or picked up in any District office: in Fresno (559) 230-6000, Modesto (209) 557-6400 or Bakersfield (661) 326-6900.

## Air Quality?

### There’s an app for that

The free, new, easy-to-navigate and visually appealing Valley Air app instantly provides wood-burning forecasts as well as real-time air-quality data as it is generated, providing a superior tool for health protection to Valley residents.

“This is a significant milestone in our ongoing work to bring the best available technology to Valley residents in a way that is easy to use, to understand and to access as they go about their day, in order to protect their health,” said Seyed Sadredin, the Air District’s executive director and air pollution control officer.

What can you do with the new Valley Air app?

- Receive daily wood burning status during winter months
- Receive daily air quality forecast
- Receive current air quality information in real-time using the RAAN Program
- Access the smoking-vehicle complaint hotline
- Access links that directly dial the Air District when you need information right away.

The app can be downloaded onto any iPhone via the App Store. The District is also hoping to develop an app for Androids and other smart-phone platforms.

For more information about the new app and the Air District, visit [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org) or call a District office in Fresno (559) 230-6000, Modesto (209) 557-6400 or Bakersfield (661) 392-5500.