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Southwest Livingston County R-1 of Ludlow and Cowgill R-6 Elementary are among winners in the 2013 "Yes You CAN Make Missouri Litter Free". It was a trash can-decorating contest. 18 Missouri elementary and middle schools and almost 200 students participated in the annual contest sponsored by the Missouri Departments of Conservation and Transportation.

The contest encourages classes from kindergarten through eighth grade to join the fight against litter by decorating and displaying a large trash can with the "No More Trash!" logo and a litter prevention message using a variety of creative mediums. Southwest and Cowgill schools receive a \$200 award. As the overall state first-place winner, Southwest receives a \$600 grand prize and a trophy.

Marj Locker's 7th Grade Art Class at Southwest Livingston County R-1 won the grade 6th through 8th category, and the grand prize with their entry, "Give Trash the Boot-Recycle!" According to their entry, the 14 students created a boot around a trash can. The toe and top of the boot were made out of cardboard and paper mache, and then painted. For the spur, they used cardboard, wire, bolts, foil, a leather belt and macramé rings. Boot decor was made separately and attached. The students added stitching all around and signed the bottom. The boot sets near the school cafeteria by the beverage machine, and during home basketball games near the doors going into the gym.

Erin Brister's Kindergarten/1st Grade Class at Cowgill Elementary school won the kindergarten through second grade with their entry, "Lorax Says No More Trash."

According to their entry, the three students chose the Lorax character from Doctor Suess because he likes to help our Earth. They made Truffula Trees because the Lorax helps save them. They used recycled cardboard to make the tree trunks and the Lorax. They covered them with construction paper and colored where needed. They used construction paper to cover the trash can and tissue paper to create the tops of the Truffula Trees. The trash can is located in the cafeteria of the school and is being used to collect paper for recycling.

Images of all entries are available online at www.nomoretrash.org/trash-can-contest.