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Memo to: K-12 principals and teachers in the Central San Joaquin Valley
From: Brenda Turner, Air Quality Information Representative, Southern Region
Subject: **Deadline Oct. 12, 2009, for Healthy Air Living Kids Calendar Contest**

The deadline for submitting artwork for the Valley Air District's 2010 Healthy Air Living Kids Calendar will be Monday, Oct. 12, 2009. Hundreds of Valley students entered drawings for the 2009 bilingual wall calendar, out of which 14 winners were selected. Contest flyers in English and Spanish are available for teacher to hand out to students, and we hope some of your students will enter.

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade are eligible to enter. Artists should place the page sideways, in landscape orientation, so the paper is 8-½ inches high and 11 inches wide. Artwork should be in bright colors and contain a written message about how to live a healthy air life. Healthy Air Living, a new, comprehensive initiative, aims to improve the health and quality of life of all Valley residents by making air quality a priority consideration in all business and personal decisions. (Students should focus on air-quality themes rather than concentrating on anti-smoking messages.)

Fourteen entries with clean-air themes will be selected for the calendar and photos of winning student artists may be featured inside. About 20,000 calendars are distributed in December and are free to schools, community groups, healthcare facilities, churches and non-profit organizations. Winning students and their schools also receive free calendar copies.

Students should include their name, address, phone number, age, grade and school on the back of the artwork and mail it flat, not folded, to Kids Calendar Contest, Valley Air District, 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave., Fresno, CA 93726.

Messages from previous calendars included: "Save the Earth. Walk to School."; "Keep our air clean. Ride your bike."; "Don't pollute the air. Flex your car trips, carpool."; and "Don't light a wood fireplace when the air is bad." Messages for the 2010 calendar could include: "Live a Healthy Air Life!", "Healthy Air starts with me!", "When we breathe cleaner, we live better!", and "Avoid using leaf blowers." See the winning drawings for the 2009 calendar on our website at www.valleyair.org/kids/Clean_Air_Calendar_Contest.htm, or contact me at brenda.turner@valleyair.org for more information.

We hope to see entries from your school for this year's contest. Through the calendar, thousands of Valley residents will be reminded to reduce air pollution and help clean up our air.