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## **waterSmart<sup>SM</sup> Honors 12 Cobb County Elementary Students in 15th Annual Tappy Turtle & Allatoona Ally Artist Challenge**

**MARIETTA, Ga. (January 31, 2020)** – The Cobb County Water System and the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA) congratulate the 12 Cobb County elementary school students selected as this year's winners of the 15th Annual Tappy Turtle & Allatoona Ally Artist Challenge.

The Artist Challenge invited fourth and fifth grade students to draw Tappy Turtle, Cobb Water System's water conservation mascot, and Allatoona Ally, Lake Allatoona's ambassador, demonstrating water conservation tips. The challenge received over 250 entries from 10 participating schools.

The Adventures of Tappy Turtle & Allatoona Ally 2020 coloring book will be distributed throughout the community and is available for free download at [www.cobbcounty.org/watersmart](http://www.cobbcounty.org/watersmart). Winning artists were also honored at an evening reception on Thursday, January 30.

This year's winners are:

**Dayanira T., Fifth grade, Green Acres Elementary**

**Camille B., Fourth grade, Harmony Leland Elementary**

**Halyn K., Fourth grade, Mountain View Elementary**

**Chelsy J., Fourth grade, Green Acres Elementary**

**Jennifer S., Fourth grade, Bells Ferry Elementary**

**Taylor D., Fifth grade, Varner Elementary**

**Gabriella M., Fourth grade, Green Acres Elementary**

**Adrienne Q., Fourth grade, Frey Elementary**

**Jennifer L., Fourth grade, Compton Elementary**

**Elizabeth H., Fifth grade, Green Acres Elementary**

**Joanna V., Fourth grade, Mountain View Elementary**

**Kaylen O., Fourth grade, Bullard Elementary**

Dayanira T., the cover art winner of this year's contest, reminded residents to turn off the water when brushing your teeth. Her drawing will be showcased on the front cover of the coloring book.

Angie Marcus, Program Supervisor at Cobb County Water System, said, "We are proud of all the water conservation tips illustrated by Cobb's young artists and look forward to sharing this coloring book with the community."

"I am amazed at the talent of these students. It was truly a pleasure to see their enthusiasm concerning water conservation," said Pat Tibbitts, Program Director for waterSmart at CCMWA.

The waterSmart<sup>SM</sup> program was initiated by CCMWA in 2000, to educate their service area residents of all ages that indoor and outdoor water conservation is a key factor in building a legacy of a sustainable water supply for the community.