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▶ The Junior Water Warriors Award went to Ms. Jennie Dang's third grade students from Murdock Elementary. Pictured at right are: (Back row, l-r) Shei Amir, Ryan Finke, Andrew Barner, Noa Amit, Carmen Hink, Megan Alexander, Ivan Lekarov, Leanne Hembree, Jada Long. (Front row, l-r) Thomas Ash, Noah Assam, Dot Cloud, Haleigh Schmidt, Drew Yalen, and John Andruszko.



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The Junior Water Warriors Award went to Ms. Jennie Dang's third grade students from Murdock Elementary for demonstrating the greatest effort in teaching others about water conservation. Ms. Dang's class created the campaign, "Murdock Makes a Change," and promoted water conservation messages through songs, skits and persuasive papers.

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