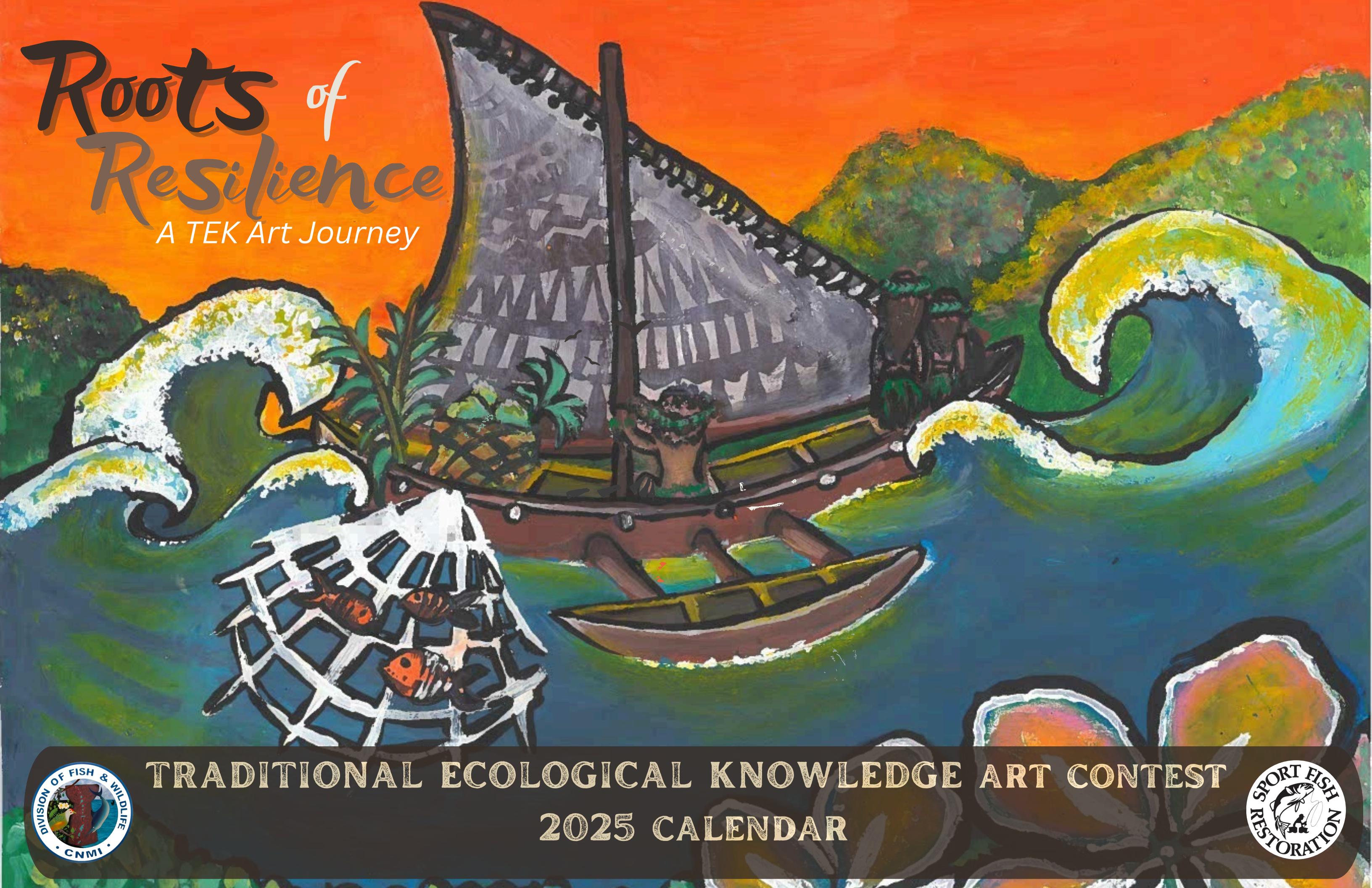


Roots of Resilience

A TEK Art Journey



TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE ART CONTEST
2025 CALENDAR



About this Calendar

Calendar Overview

This calendar showcases 13 winning artworks selected from the 2024 "Roots of Resilience - Traditional Ecological Knowledge" Art Contest. The Aquatic Education Program, under the Division of Fish and Wildlife, received numerous submissions from students in grades K through 12 across public and private schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. These artworks emphasize the significance of sustainability, biodiversity, and respect for nature.

Purpose

This initiative aims to raise awareness about the importance of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) in environmental conservation and to foster a deeper connection and appreciation with nature among students while encouraging community engagement in conservation initiatives.

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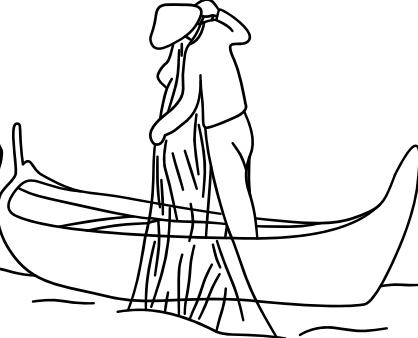


Lyticia Sanchez - Grade 12
Kagman High School
Art Medium: Paint

"Throughout history, our ancestors created their unique lifestyles and customs by being closely related to their environment; one with the land and sea. They lived in homes made of leaves and stones and traveled far on galaides built from the trunks of trees. They relied on these resources, and they respected these resources. Because the land and sea were so giving, they learned to give back by taking care of these gifts, always remembering what they had done for them. This is what TEK means to me. We continue to give back because mother earth has been nothing but generous. We take this message and carry it with us through the endless waves of life and our cultures."



What is Traditional Ecological Knowledge?



Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) refers to the knowledge and understanding that Indigenous peoples and local communities have gained over many years about their environment. This body of knowledge includes details about ecosystems, various species, and techniques for managing natural resources, integrating cultural, spiritual, and practical wisdom. TEK emphasizes the interconnectedness of all living things and frequently incorporates sustainable practices passed down through oral traditions. These practices include strategies for sustainable resource management, conservation of species, and preservation of habitats—all vital for improving recreational fishing opportunities.

In this art calendar, TEK can be visually represented through artwork that highlights sustainable practices, species, conservation, and the cultural significance of aquatic life. By integrating TEK into educational materials like our 2025 art calendar, the program not only honors Indigenous perspectives but also enhances awareness about ecological balance and responsible resource management.

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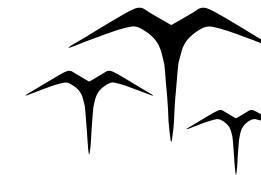
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VICTORIA GUO - KINDERGARTEN
SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



JANUARY

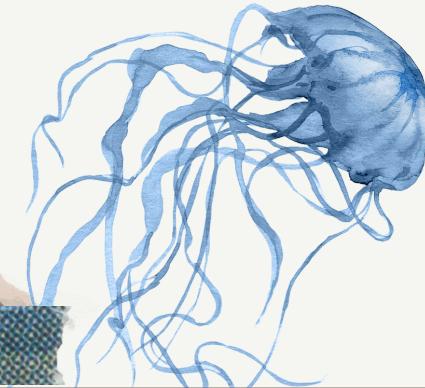
“I wish that Saipan ocean has a full of marine creatures.”

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
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ZION KIM, GRADE 1
MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL

2025 FEBRUARY



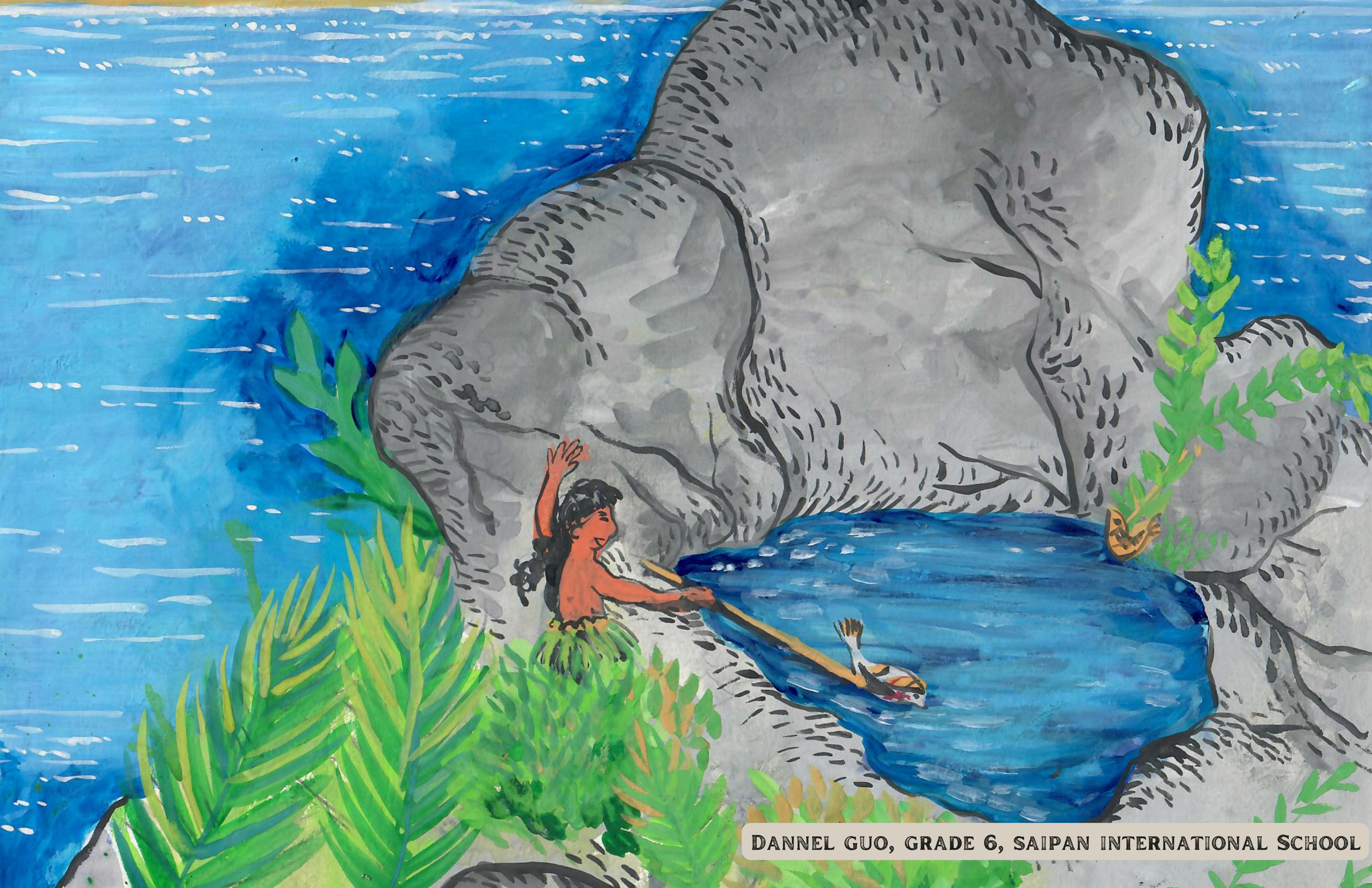
“Our ancestors obtained the things they needed directly from nature.”



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23	24	25	26	27	28	

Presidents' Day

Valentine's Day



DANNEL GUO, GRADE 6, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

20
25 MARCH



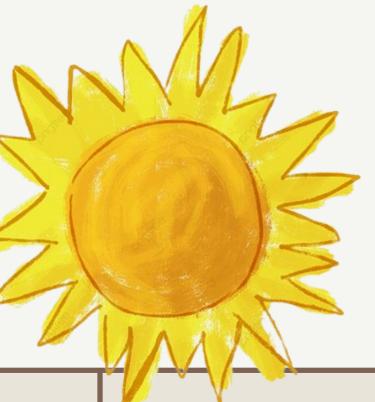
“Spiral fishing is useful for preserving fish populations.”

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 <i>Commonwealth Covenant Day</i>	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



COLIN JAMES LILLES, GRADE 3
GREEN MEADOW SCHOOL

20
25 APRIL



“...It teaches us to respect nature, take only what we need, and protect the environment for the future.”

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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<i>Easter Sunday</i>		<i>Earth Day</i>			<i>Good Friday</i>	
27	28	29	30			

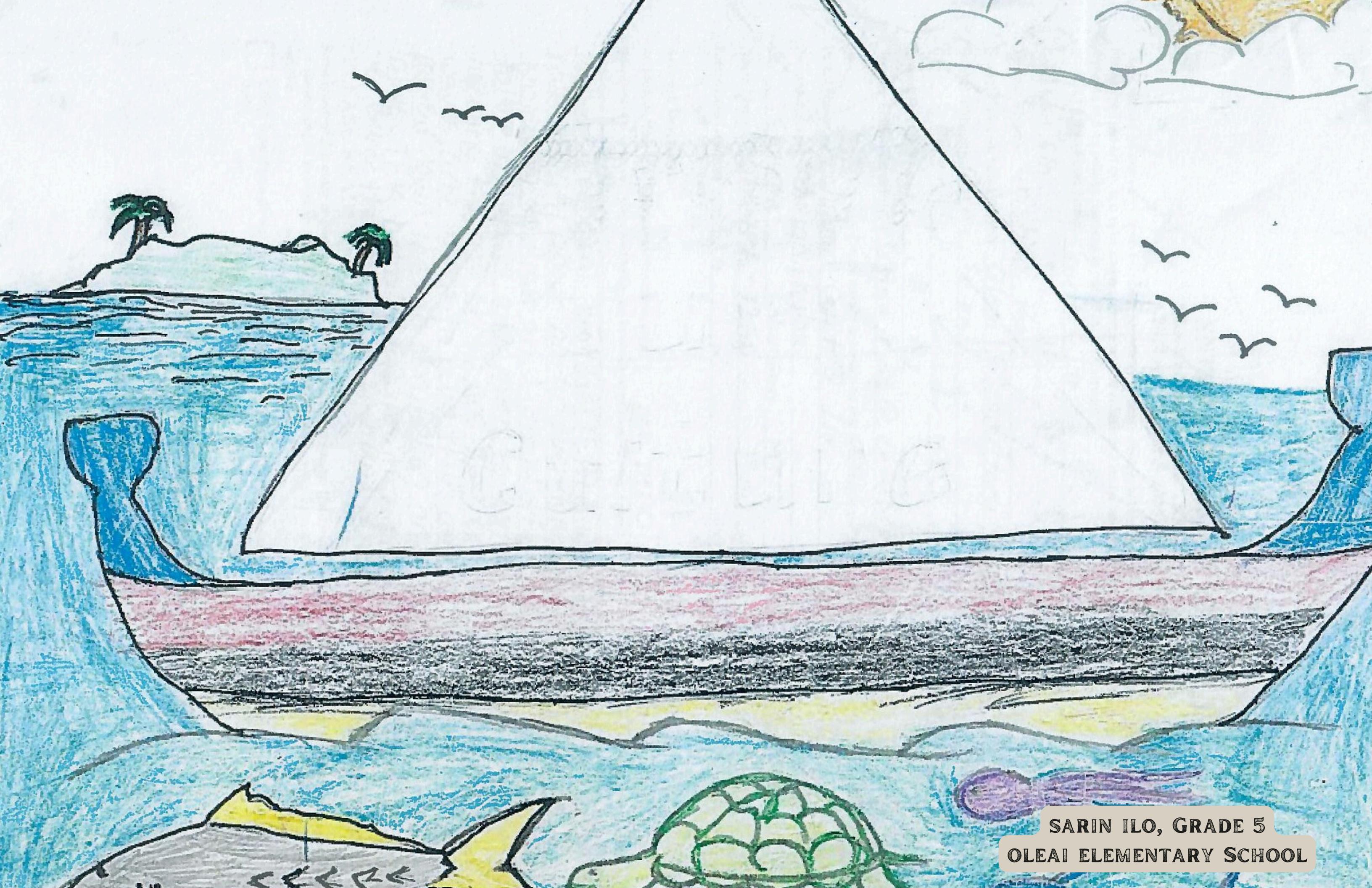


AI NONOGAKI, GRADE 4
WILLIAM S. REYES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



"I think that traditional knowledge is very good at protecting the natural environment. The conch shell is also a natural product. Conch shells can make sounds without using electricity. Traditional sailing boats are also powered by the wind, without the use of gas. Inheriting traditional culture also helps protect the earth."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	<i>Cinco de Mayo</i>					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<i>Mother's Day</i>					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<i>Memorial Day</i>					



SARIN ILO, GRADE 5
OLEAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



JUNE 2025

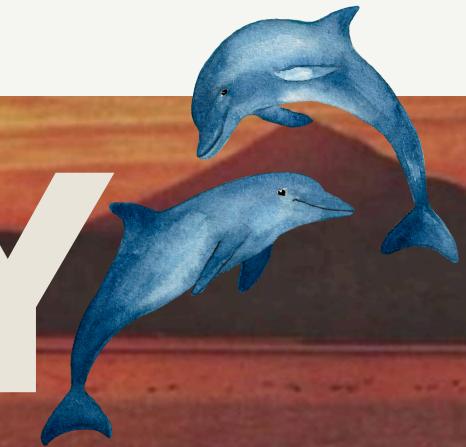
“TEK is what the Carolinian people have learned about nature over many years. They use this knowledge to fish and travel the ocean. For fishing, they follow the tides and moon to catch enough fish without harming the sea. They are also expert sailors using stars, waves, and winds to guide their canoes. This knowledge has been passed down through storytelling and practice to keep their culture alive.”

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<i>World's Ocean Day</i>						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<i>Father's Day</i>						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



BERNICE SKYE CAYABYAB, GRADE 6
SINAPALO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

20 25 JULY



"TEK to me is a way people practice their culture and learning how their ancestors lived. Traditional practices such as having fiestas, fishing, celebrating can shape our community's relationship to the environment like when people fish, it lowers the amount of fish and when people at fiestas litter, it ends up in other ecosystems which damage the place."

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Independence Day



BENJAMIN CAI, GRADE 7
AGAPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



20
25 AUGUST

“For me, I think TEK is the learning about the ecosystems...”

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KENSHIROU TSUCHIKAWA, GRADE 8
HOPWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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25

SEPTEMBER

“On the left side, nature maintains an ecosystem in perfect balance, while on the right side, one man’s actions destroy many ecosystems, and the invasive species invades.”

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Labor Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



JESSIE CHEN, GRADE 9, MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL

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OCTOBER

"TEK means the knowledge and practices that indigenous peoples have developed over generations through their close relationship with the environment. For me, it means to hold a close bond of respect, knowledge, protection and sustainable use of nature."

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<i>Commonwealth Cultural Day</i>						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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BYUL AN, GRADE 10
SAIPAN SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL



2025 NOVEMBER

“TEK is what links the nature and every generation of our people from ancient to modern days. Traditional practices, such as fishing, manage resource and shape our cultural identity. However, I have seen our aquatic ecosystem getting harmed over time through such human activities. We must first communicate and understand the nature’s condition, and prioritize protecting them.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <i>All Saint's Day</i>
2 <i>All Soul's Day</i>	3	4 <i>Citizenship Day</i>	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	28	29
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ROOFS OF THE SEA



PRISCILLA TUDELA, GRADE 11
KAGMAN HIGH SCHOOL

2025 DECEMBER



"TEK means the knowledge and the traditions people learned from their elders about taking care of nature. It helps us understand how to live in harmony with the environment. Traditional practices, like fishing only what you need or respecting the seasons, teach us how to care for our land and water over time.."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	<i>Constitution Day</i>					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>		
28	29	30	31			
			<i>New Year's Eve</i>			

2024 “Roots of Resilience - TEK Art Contest Winners



January
V.Lee, Grade K
Saipan International School



February
Z.Kim, Grade 1
Mount Carmel School



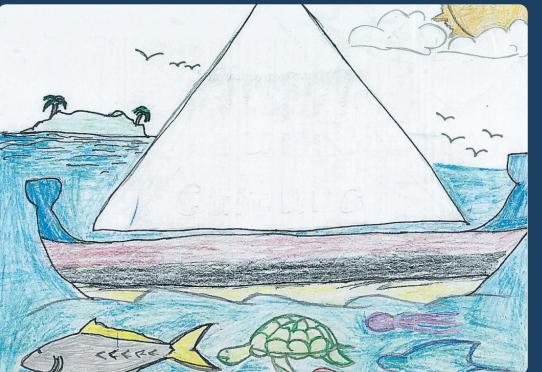
March
D.Guo, Grade 6
Saipan International School



April
C.Lilles, Grade 3
Green Meadow School



May
A.Nonogaki, Grade 4
William S.Reyes Elem. School



June
S.Ilo, Grade 5
Oleai Elementary School



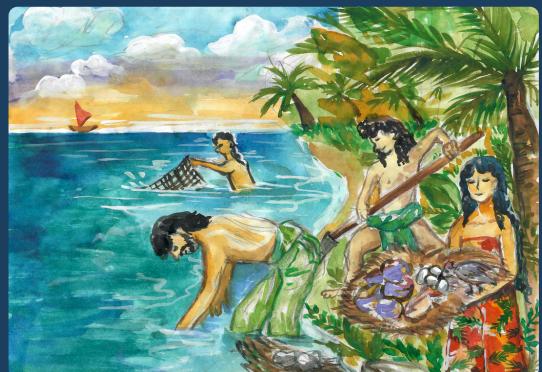
July
B.Cayabyab, Grade 6
Sinapalo Elementary School



August
B.Cai, Grade 7
Agape Christian School



September
K.Tsuchikawa, Grade 8
Hopwood Middle School



October
J.Chen, Grade 9
Mount Carmel School



November
B. An, Grade 10
Saipan Southern High School



December
P.Tudela, Grade 11
Kagman High School

