



In celebration of Earth Day, and as a way to incorporate S.T.E.A.M. concepts, students in grades K-5 had the opportunity to design and create kites in class and at home. Winners were selected for “Most Creative,” “Best Use of Recyclable Materials,” and “Flies the Highest.” The awards given were wind chimes, wind socks, and other nature-based items.

Classes enjoyed learning about this century year old event by watching videos online that showed international kite festivals around the world (India and Afghanistan) and in the USA (San Francisco). To many, the history of kite flying is a cultural tradition and a global business. The website [www.kite.org](http://www.kite.org) provides numerous examples of this recreational activity.

This is the 2nd year OSES honored this tradition which provided an opportunity for the entire school to participate, either as an observer or a participant. A special Thank You to the parents who helped out and to all the students that had fun watching their kites soar through the sky!



