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## A Note From Shelly

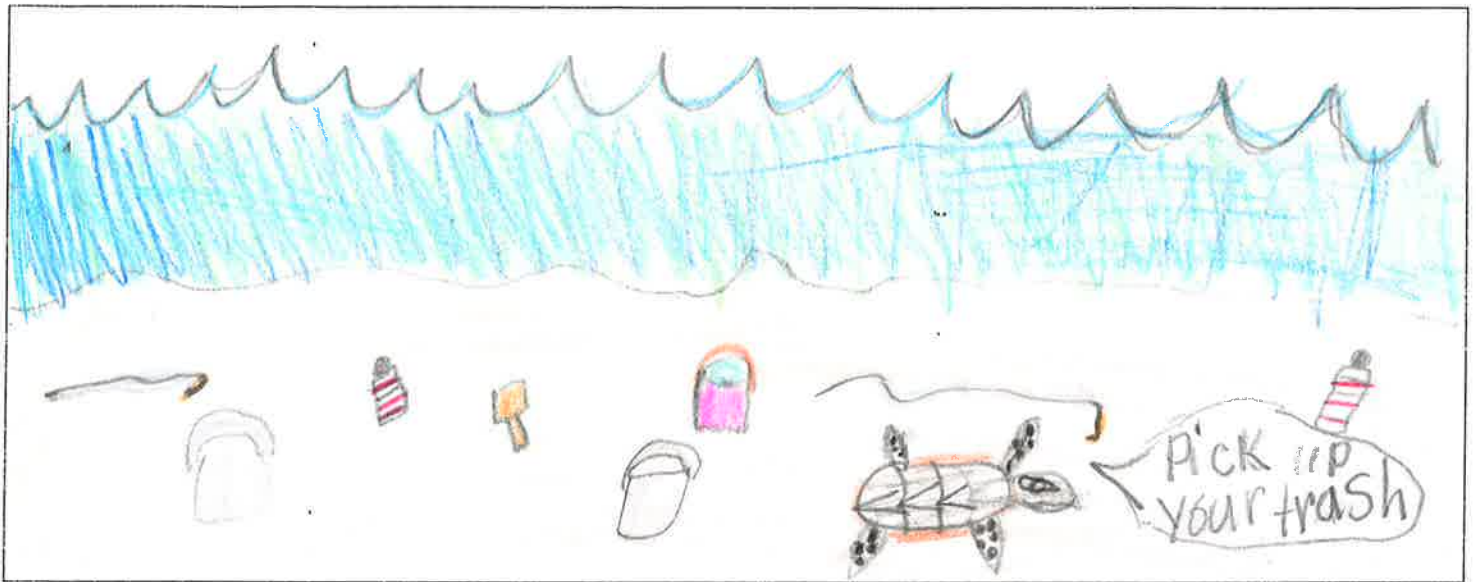
Dear Turtle Friends,

Hi I'm Salty Shell but you can call  
me Shelly. I'm a loggerhead sea turtle  
from Cape San Blas, Florida.

We have a big problem on our beach and  
me and my friends are going NUTS  
about it!

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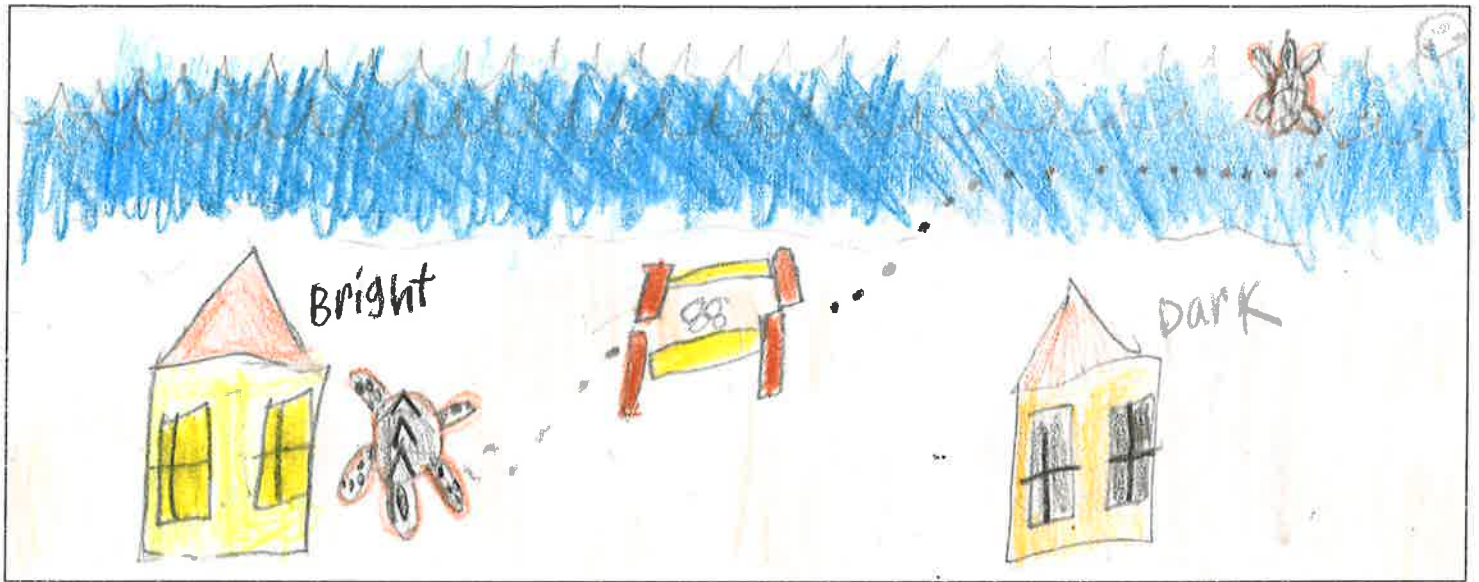


There is a lot of trash on our beach.

During nesting and hatching season, my mom siblings, and my friends can get trapped in plastic bags, fishing lines, plastic bottles, and beach toys that people leave around. All this trash makes it harder for all of us to get back to the ocean, our salty home. Sometimes people dig big holes in the sand so deep that it's hard to crawl out of them.

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We use the reflection of the moon that shines on the water to guide us home. But the bright lights from the street, houses, cars, and flashlights get us confused at night. Instead of heading to the ocean, sometimes we crawl up the sand dunes to the houses and street. Some of us can get squashed by a car or eaten by predators.



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One day, a girl visited our beach with her family. Me and my friends thought she could help us with our problem. Her name was Natalie and she was six years old when she first came to help us. She helped clean up trash and toys left on the beach. She helped fill in the big holes that people made in the sand so we don't fall in. She

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turned off the bright lights in her beach house at night so we don't get confused trying to go to the ocean.

When Natalie saw a turtle nest on the beach she gave us space and did not touch us.

Natalie helps keep the beach clean, flat, and dark for our path to the ocean. She helps us a lot and you can help us too when

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you visit the beach. Make sure  
your pets don't dig up our nest too.

Thank you for helping me and my  
family and friends.

Shelly