



FDOT SCHOOLPOOL SQUAD

GUIDE

CARPOOL, BIKE AND WALK SAFETY



MEET OUR SUPERHEROES!

ETHAN GREEN

Hi, I'm Ethan Green and my favorite way to get around is riding in a car. My grandpa takes me to basketball games and fishing trips in his car. I like riding in cars but I love helping the environment even more, so I carpool to school with my little brother and my other two friends from school. Did you know that every time you carpool you reduce pollution by two vehicles. That's a lot! We have fun when we carpool! Sometimes we talk about what happened at school or we sing songs on our trips. We have the best time carpooling, you should try it!

CARLOS CAMINO

Hi, I'm Carlos Camino. I walk with my little sister to school everyday. She's my best friend and I'm her big hero. We love walking to school. We meet up with our friends along the way and discover new things about our neighborhood. It's our favorite time together. If you have a little brother or sister, even a big brother or sister ask them to walk with you to school, you'll have so much fun, just try it and see!

BRANDY SPOKES

Hi, I'm Brandy Spokes I love to ride my bicycle everywhere I go. I ride with my dad to the store or my mom to the mall. My favorite time to ride is with my friends at our favorite park close to my house. Riding is a fun and healthy activity. You help the environment by not driving in your vehicles all the time, this reduces the pollution in the air. Have some fun, ride your bike to school!



Ethan Green



Carlos Camino



Brandy Spokes

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT
MAKES ME SAD?**

**WHEN PEOPLE FORGET
TO BUCKLE UP.**

Which picture is correct when riding in a vehicle?



Please practice seat belt safety at all time when riding in a vehicle.

ETHAN SAYS: UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

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2. betlsate _____

3. sfteya _____

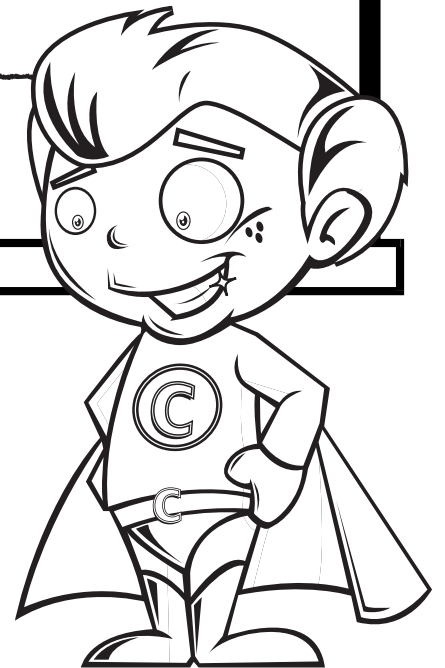
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5. uklcbe pu _____

6. rucdee luliontpo _____

7. ronenvintem _____

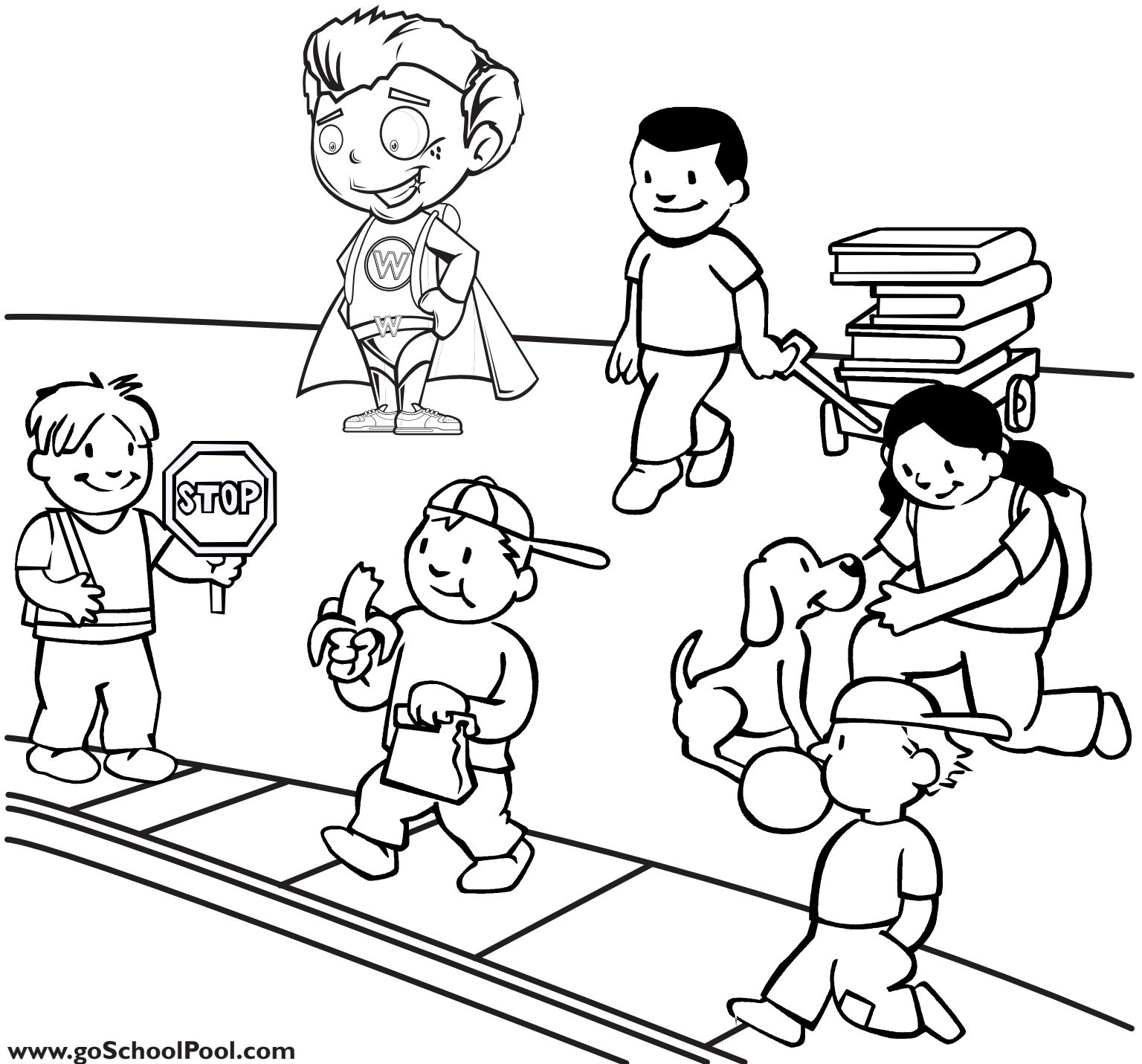
8. loscho _____



1. carpool, 2. seat belt, 3. safety, 4. traffic, 5. buckle up, 6. reduce pollution, 7. environment, 8. school

CARLOS ENJOYS WALKING TO SCHOOL

While walking to school, Carlos and his friends learn a lot about the neighborhood and meet new friends along way!



CARLOS WANTS YOU TO PRACTICE WALKING SAFELY

- Only cross the street with an adult.
- When crossing look LEFT, RIGHT, and LEFT.
- Cross intersection where there are signals.
- Make eye contact to make sure the driver of the vehicle can see you.
- Use the crosswalk at all time when crossing, and be aware of turning vehicles.

Match the Traffic Sign with it meaning.



A. Go again only when it is clear.



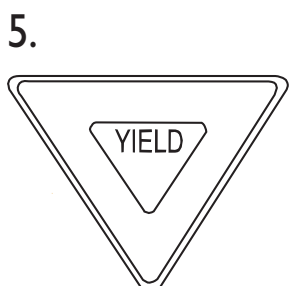
B. Stop. Look both ways. Proceed with caution.



C. Slow down and look for people or cars. Stop if anyone is coming.



D. A street which vehicles can move in only one direction. Even bikes must follow the correct direction.



E. Slow down. Stop if people are crossing.

BRANDY ENCOURAGES YOU TO PRACTICE BICYCLE SAFETY

- 1** Always wear a helmet.
- 2** Only ride a bike that is the right size for you.
- 3** Ride as far to the right of the road as possible.
- 4** Ride single file, when riding with friends.
- 5** Don't give rides to friends, especially on the handlebars.
- 6** See and Be Seen! Wear reflective lights when riding at night.



BRANDY NEEDS YOUR HELP TO DECODE THE SECRET MESSAGE!

Under each letter is a blank space to be filled in. Located under the blank space are numbers representative of the Alphabet. Two words are already given "FUN" and "ACTIVITY"

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
18	9	4	9	14	7	25	15	21	18
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	9	11	5	9	19	1			
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
F	U	N							
6	21	14	1	14	4				
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8	5	1	12	20	8	25			
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
A	C	T	I	V	I	T	Y		
1	3	20	9	22	9	20	25		

ALPHABET:

A-1	N-14
B-2	O-15
C-3	P-16
D-4	Q-17
E-5	R-18
F-6	S-19
G-7	T-20
H-8	U-21
I-9	V-22
J-10	W-23
K-11	X-24
L-12	Y-25
M-13	Z-26

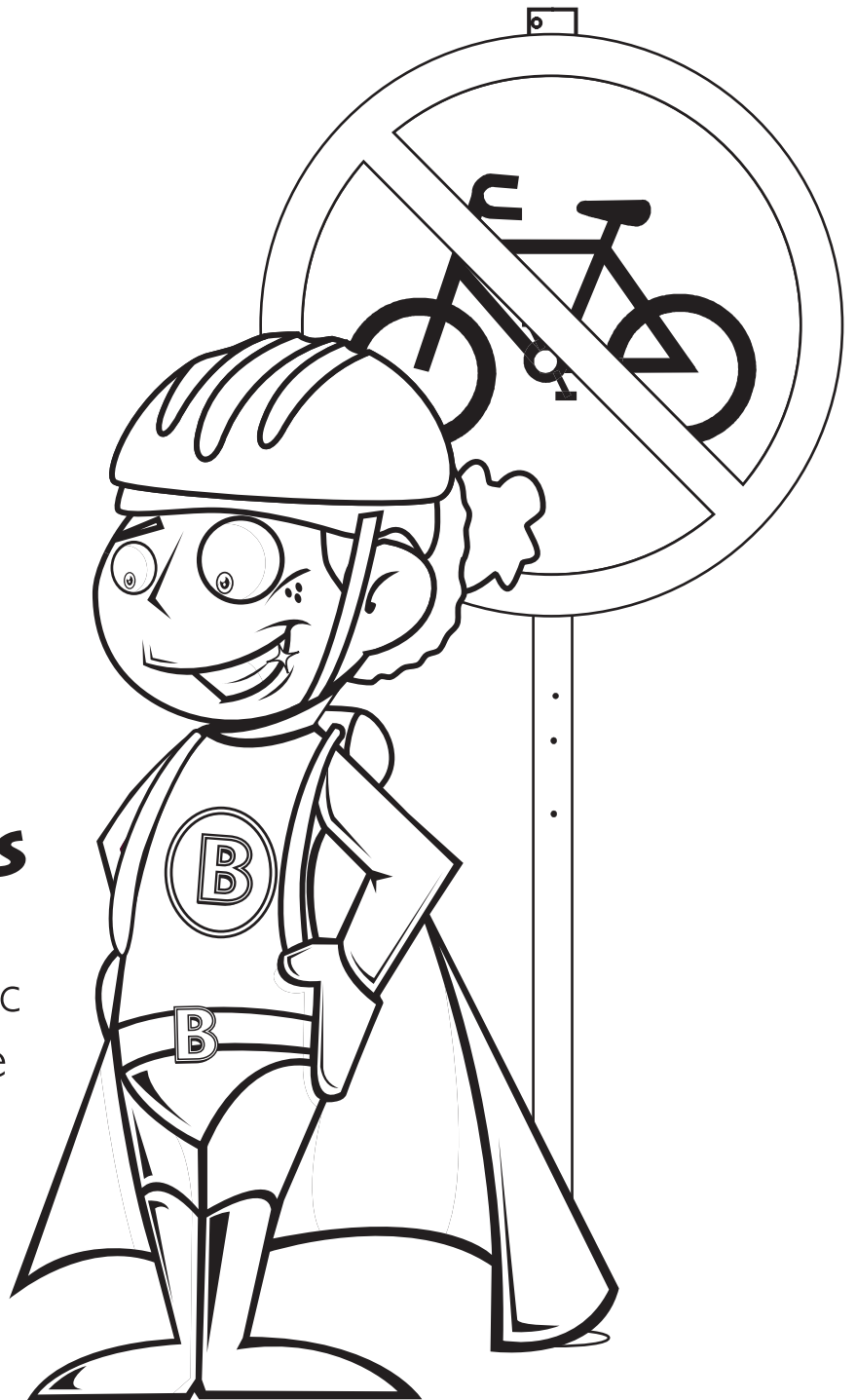


ETHAN SAYS, ALWAYS BUCKLE UP!

Always fasten your seatbelt when you get into a vehicle. Ask your parents or another adult for help if you need it.

BRANDY SAYS, BE AWARE OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Don't forget to obey all traffic laws when you ride your bike on the street.



SCHOOLPOOL WORD SEARCH

B K L F S K M P T Z I K N L L
L U B O U O Z W K M T W A V U
B Z C Y O N L I N N E H H G Z
K R X K C P W R E Y L F T S O
L F A O L U R M A O C N E A M
N X D N P E N A S C Y A Y J G
T D D W D O U A C R C N T N T
Z D S U R Y F P H T I V I Y L
Q K O I Q E Y Y R Z B K P V G
I D V V T Q F A S Q L X Q O O
T N I Y C Q F C Z A K K Z A I
E L N T O F W E W H X E G D D
I T Z Q I A J L T J O L B P K
P D H C Z W F P V Q O U S V T
E O H K E A T X P M L Q E M N

LOOK FOR THESE WORDS:

Bicycle

Safety

Traffic

Carpool

Buckle Up

Carlos

Ethan

Brandy

Walking

Environment

Fun

LIST 3 WAYS YOU CAN TRAVEL TO SCHOOL, HELP YOUR ENVIRONMENT, AND HAVE FUN AT THE SAME TIME.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

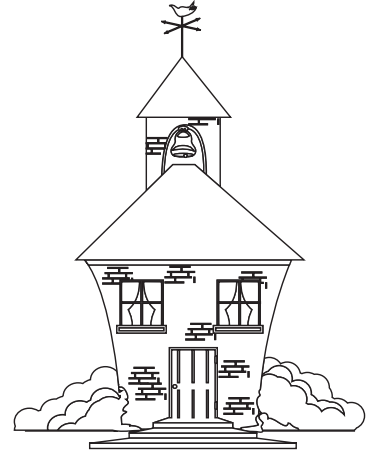
CAN YOU FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS?

1. Always remember to _____ when you're riding in a car.
2. _____ at least one day of every week to reduce pollution in our environment.
3. Never ride your bicycle without a _____.
4. _____ can help you get to know your neighborhood and keep you fit.
5. When crossing the street look, LEFT, RIGHT, and _____ again to look out for traffic.



HELP ETHAN SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT

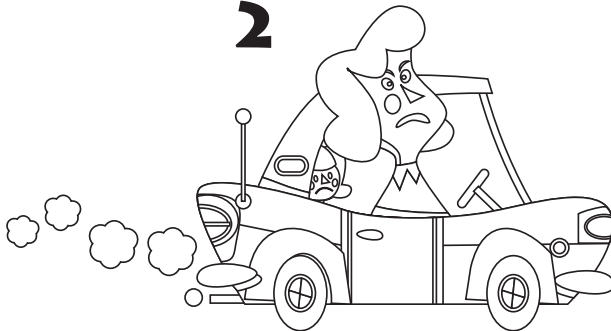
Which car is doing the right thing by carpooling safely?



1



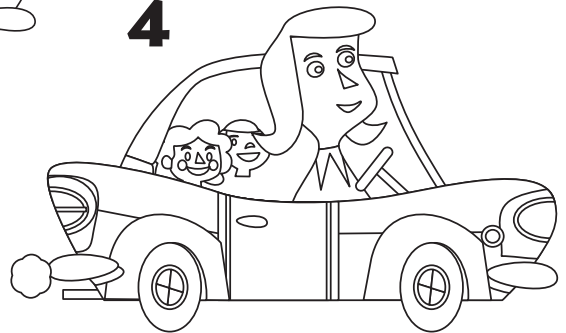
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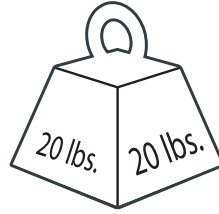
GOOD DEEDS TO HELP THE EARTH

Here are ways to do something for the earth each day. Put a sticker beside each good deed you do for the Earth. If you can do more things to make the Earth a better place to live in, write them on the blank spaces.

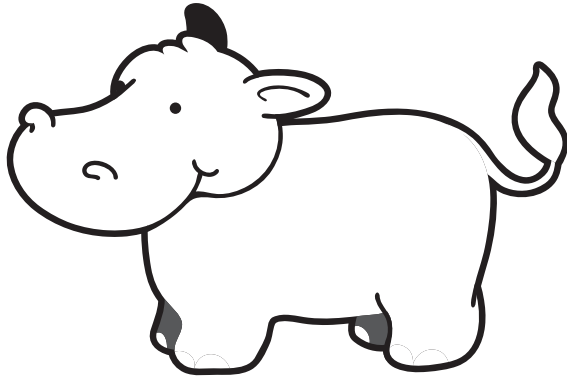
GOOD DEED	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Didn't leave the water running while I brushed my teeth							
Carpool to or from school							
Turned off TV when I finished watching it							
Recycled bottles, cans, and newspapers							
Used both sides of the paper							
Picked up litter and threw it into a trash can							
Bicycled and/or Walked to/from school							
Rode the bus or train							

Other Good Deeds I completed: _____

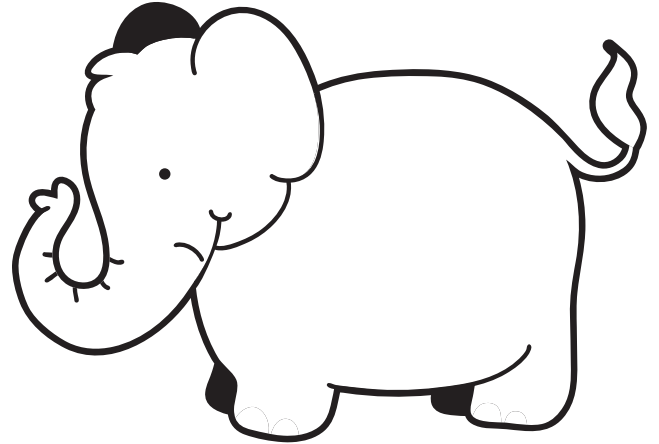
HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL CARPOOL WITH YOU?



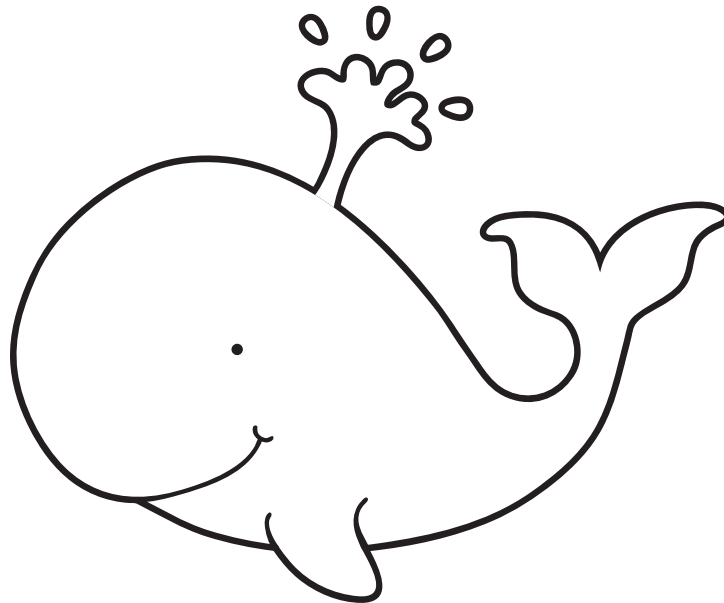
Did you know your vehicle creates about  of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) per gallon of gasoline? This is one of the largest components of pollution.



When 2 people carpool, you reduce 7,300 pounds of CO₂.



When 3 people carpool, you reduce 14,600 pounds CO₂.



When 4 people carpool, you reduce 21,900 pounds of CO₂.

Disclaimer: Averages are based per year. Average vehicle Miles per Gallon (MPG) here is 21 and average vehicle travel is 20 miles per day round trip. Resource: Environmental Protection Agency, "Emission Facts: Greenhouse Gas Emissions from a Typical Passenger Vehicle" www.epa.com.

YOU ARE NOW PART OF THE SQUAD!

The FDOT SchoolPool Squad wants to thank you for helping them with their mission to be safe and learn ways to protect the environment.

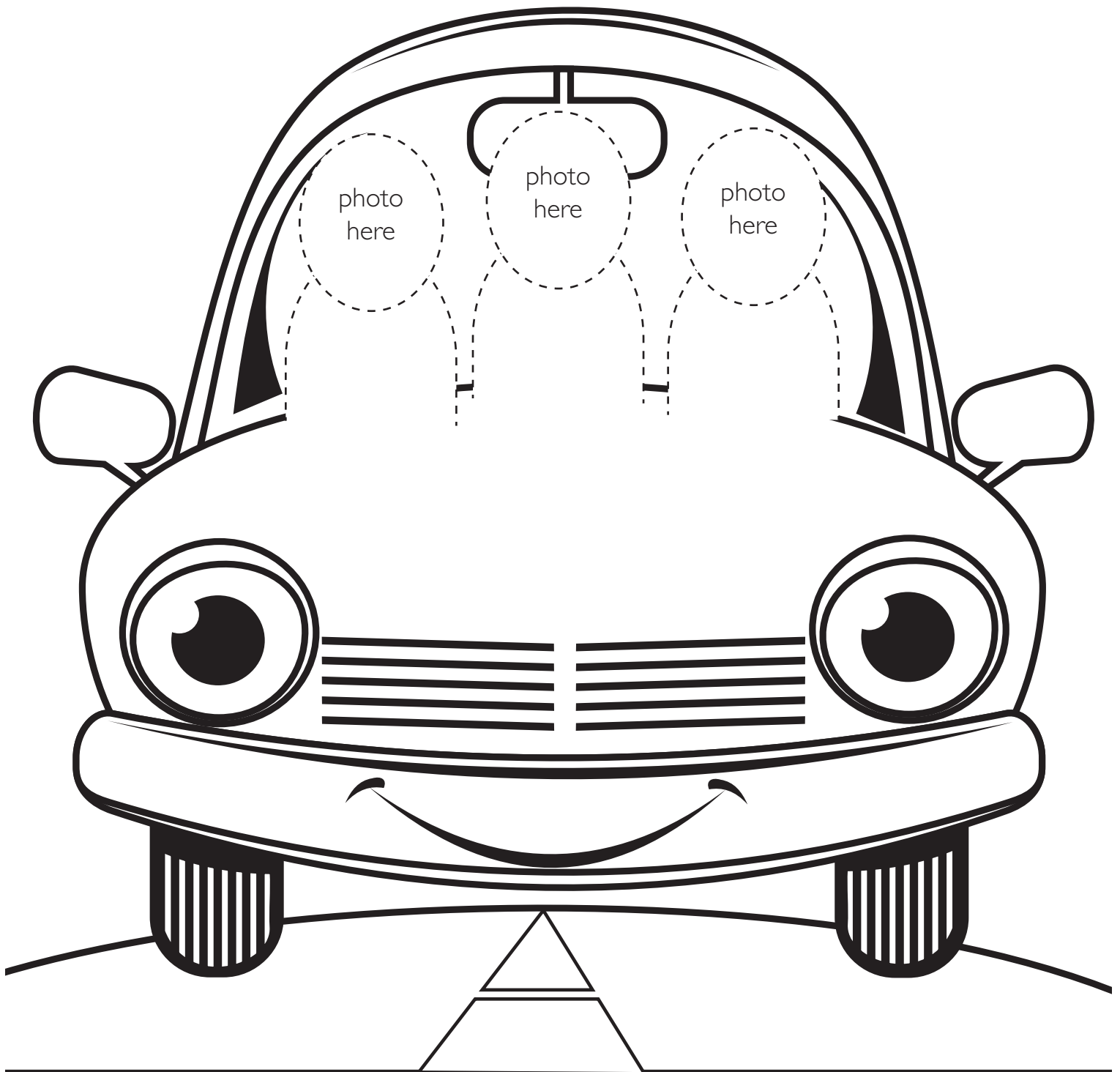
I, _____ am a certified member of the FDOT School Pool Squad. I promise to make every effort to help the environment by walking, biking, and/or carpooling to and from school.

(Your signature)



PICTURE YOURSELF CARPOOLING WITH FRIENDS!

Take a picture of yourself and two people you would like to carpool with and paste it on the blank spaces.





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