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Office of Juvenile Justice and
Delinquency Prevention

National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

The National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest is a nationwide contest designed to promote awareness among teachers, parents/guardians and children and engage them in discussions about safety.

Important information about this contest, including the application and consent and release form, can be found within this packet.

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, we thank you for participating in this contest and look forward to seeing your creativity shine through your artwork!

Questions about the poster contest? [Contact the State Contest Manager](#) in your state!

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38th Annual National Missing Children's Day

Poster Contest Fact Sheet

Contest Rules

1. Applicants must be in the fifth grade.
2. Artwork should reflect the theme **"Bringing Our Missing Children Home"**. This phrase must appear somewhere on the poster.
3. The theme may be depicted in the student's artwork through one, or a combination of, illustrations (e.g., signs and symbols, people, abstract, industry, wildlife) and can be created using media such as acrylics, watercolor, pencils, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons, and pastels. Digitally produced images, collages, cut-outs, and stamping will not be eligible for consideration.
4. The finished poster must measure **8½ x 14 inches**.
5. The poster must be submitted with a completed application, which includes a description of the poster and a brief biography of the artist, either typed or written legibly.

Judging Criteria

1. Complete contest rules must be followed at all levels of the competition. Incomplete packages and incorrectly sized posters will not be eligible for judging.
2. Artwork will be judged on:
 - a. Creativity
 - b. Reflection of the contest theme
 - c. Originality in design
3. Written applications will be judged on:
 - a. Comprehension of the theme
 - b. Clarity
 - c. Grammar and syntax appropriate to the fifth grade level



Competition Procedures

1. Contact your State Contest Manager to confirm your participation in the contest and to obtain the submission deadline for your state.
2. Submit your poster, completed application and signed consent and release form to your State Contest Manager by your state's submission deadline.

Awards

State Level

1. Each state winner whose poster is selected to go to the national judging competition, will receive a national award certificate from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ).

State managers are responsible for facilitating all statewide events, activities, and awards for participating children.

National Level

1. The national winner, his/her teacher (or designee from selected school) and parents/guardians (typically two people), and the state manager will be invited to Washington, D.C., to participate in the 38th Annual National Missing Children's Day Ceremony on **May 19, 2021**.
2. Transportation and lodging will be provided.
3. The national winner will also receive a national award certificate and a professional print of their poster.

Winning Poster

The national winning poster:

- a. Becomes the property of U.S. DOJ and will be displayed at the DOJ, congressional offices, and other locations as determined by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Any applicable copyrights will be held by those offices.
- b. May be used in publications, exhibits, displays and on websites, as determined by OJJDP and U.S. DOJ.



- c. Will be presented as the national symbol for the 38th Annual Missing Children's Day Ceremony and associated activities.
- d. Photos of the winner and his/her poster will be available through U.S. DOJ and may be posted wherever contest information is available.

Contest Timeline

1. October 2020
 - a. Poster contest begins
2. February 2021
 - a. Submission deadline at the state level. *Please contact your State Contest Manager to obtain the deadline for your state.* Florida's is February 15, 2021
3. April 2021
 - a. National winner will be notified.
 - b. Travel arrangements are initiated for attendance at the 38th Annual National Missing Children's Day ceremony in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, May 19th.

Questions? Contact the State Contest Manager in your state.



Poster Contest Application

Thank you for participating in the 38th Annual National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest! Please be sure to complete this application and ask your parent/guardian to complete the consent and release form before submitting your poster to your State Contest Manager. Posters that are submitted without an application and consent and release form included will not be considered for the contest.

Name: _____

Age: _____

School: _____

School Phone: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Educator's Name: _____

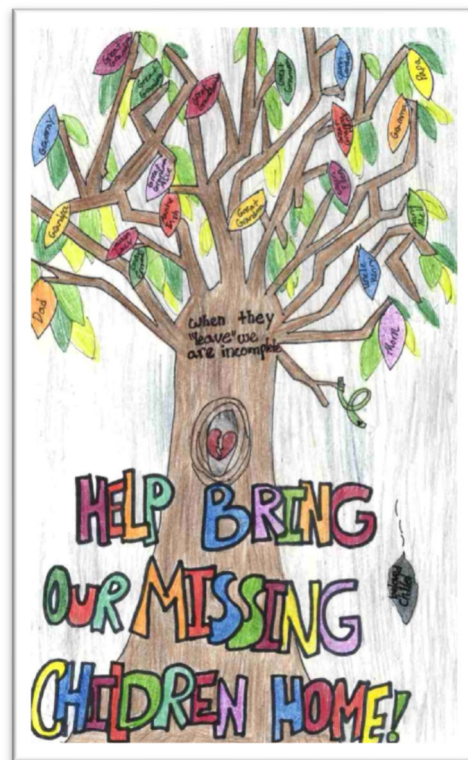
Educator's Email: _____

Salutation (circle one): Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Email: _____

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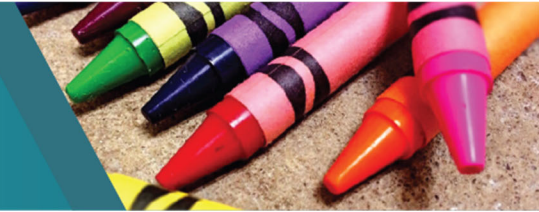


37th Annual Missing Children's
Day Poster Contest Winner
Elliana C. | Oregon



Please tell us about your poster and why you created it: (100 words or less)

Artist's Biography. Tell us a little bit about yourself! (100 words or less)



Parent/Guardian Release and Consent Form

I hereby grant permission to use and reproduce the picture of my child, _____, and use my child's name in U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention related publications, news features, blogs, or other advertisements relating to the 38th Annual National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. I also grant permission for my child to participate in any interviews with media relating to this event. I understand that any written statements may be edited or used, in whole or in part, or adapted with other materials, and I hereby waive all rights of privacy, compensation, control, or royalties that I may have.

I have read this document before signing below and warrant that I fully understand its contents.

Name of Parent/Guardian (*please print*)

Signature

Address

Date

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Email Address



State Contest Manager Contact List

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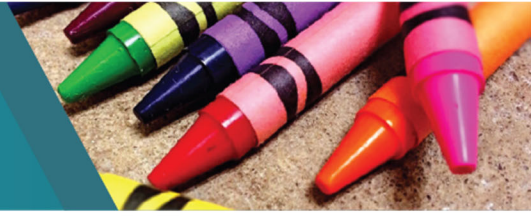
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Missing Children's Day Discussion Guide

Below is a guide intended for a facilitator (i.e. teacher, parent) to reference as a discussion starter with students. We hope this discussion will make the subject less scary, and provide students with an understanding of the poster contest topic to help generate ideas for their artwork.

What is Missing Children's Day?

- An annual ceremony to recognize the amazing people who helped to protect children.
- These people include law enforcement officers, social workers, prosecutors and everyday people (i.e. teachers, moms, dads, brothers, sisters, neighbors).
- The theme is "**Bringing Our Missing Children Home**".
 - There are people in this world that do bad things and break the law.
 - This is why we have police and judges.
 - Sometimes these people do bad things to kids, like take them away from their families.
 - Police can help by searching and helping to return these children to their home.

Questions for Students

- Have you or anyone you love ever been lost before?
- How did you feel?
- Did anyone help you or your loved one home?
- Who found you or your loved one?
- How do you think your family felt?

Provide Guidance for Students

- When you draw your art, think about:
 - How you felt when you were lost.
 - Who helped you?
 - How your family felt when you were lost?



Poster Contest Flyer