

MEMO

TO: Principals
Art Teachers
Kids Voting School Contacts /Teachers
PTA Presidents

FROM: Pat Vreeland, Executive Director, Kids Voting – Guilford County

RE: 2009 Kids Voting T-Shirt Design Art Contest

DATE: August, 2009

Kids Voting is once again holding an art contest. The past success of the contest has been wonderful, and we really appreciate your terrific support. I hope that you will encourage your students to participate in the art contest. This is an outstanding opportunity to stimulate civic awareness and encourage thinking skills.

The contest is open to all K-12th grade students living in Guilford County. **This year's theme is “Kids Voting Builds Character.”** Its use is encouraged but not essential for a student to win. There will be small cash prizes for the grand prize entry; the first place winners in the K-2, 3-5, middle, and high school categories; and honorable mentions. **The grand prize t-shirt design will be placed on the back of the Kids Voting 2009 volunteer t-shirts.**

Because display space is limited at the Greensboro Cultural Center, we are asking that schools with over 200 students submit entries based on 10% of their student population. (This means that if your school has 500 students, you could submit up to 50 entries.) If your school has less than 200 students, you may submit up to 20 entries. The included form may be copied, and it will also be available on our website: www.kidsvotingguilford.org. If your school has artwork remaining, please consider displaying the remainder of the artwork at your school. This helps increase civic awareness and excitement about the election season for students and parents as well as highlight students' efforts.

Each student that submits artwork with completed entry form to Kids Voting will receive a certificate. We need parent contact information on the entry forms so that we can easily contact parents of contest winners.

The **deadline** for submitting entries to the Kids Voting office is **Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m.** Entries will be on display at the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie Street in downtown Greensboro, from October 16 until October 22. A reception to honor all of the participants and announce the contest winners will be at the Greensboro Cultural Center **on Sunday, October 18 from 2:00-3:00.** You, all of your students, and their families and friends are invited to attend. **Invitations to the reception are on the bottom of the entry form. They should be detached before the entry forms are submitted and sent home prior to the reception.** Invitations not detached will not be returned.

Kids Voting – Guilford County is a nonpartisan organization that encourages civic knowledge and involvement as well as offers a hands-on voting opportunity to students at the real voting facilities on Election Day. If you have any questions about the contest or the program itself, please contact Pat Vreeland (373-8773), Executive Director of Kids Voting – Guilford County. **We appreciate your support of this activity and the program!**

Please neatly print the information requested in the box to the right in ink. **It is important to make your name easy to read.**

Name: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Kids Voting – Guilford County T-shirt Design Contest Entry Form 2009

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____ Student's Grade _____

Teacher _____ School _____

Home Address _____ Home Phone _____

City/Zip _____ Parent Email: _____

Signature of student indicating original artwork: _____

- This form must be fully completed and must be taped to the back of your artwork. Entries without this form will not be considered or acknowledged. Student's name should not be on the front of their artwork.
- Only one entry per student.
- Participants should be K-12 students and residents of Guilford County. All work will be judged by grade level category.
- Designs must be on **white paper no larger than 8 ½x11**. Artwork should not be matted, framed, three dimensional, or in the outline of a t-shirt.
- The contest theme this year is “**Kids Voting Builds Character.**” You do not have to use the theme to win.
- Bold colors show up better than light ones. **T-shirt designs can contain only four (4) colors besides white (color of the shirt itself). Red, white (color of the shirt), blue, black, and one other color are recommended.** Shades of the same color (example - light and dark blue) count as one color.
- The design must be original art and must be the work of the student. Computer generated art is acceptable as long as it is done by the student.
- All entries will be judged on the quality of the design, its originality, neatness, adherence to guidelines stated on entry form, adaptability to a t-shirt back, and general adherence to theme (though theme is not mandatory to win contest).
- Do not use “2009” in the design. “Kids Voting” or “Kids Voting Builds Character” are not necessary but may be used if desired.
- **Your name and school should not appear** on the front of your artwork.
- To qualify for judging, entries must be received at the Kids Voting office by **Wed, October 7 at 6 pm – no exceptions.** We will display the artwork as space permits at the Greensboro Cultural Center.
- Entries can be mailed to Kids Voting, 338 North Elm Street, Suite 110, Greensboro, NC 27401; brought to the Kids Voting office at the same address; or sent by GCS teachers through the courier to Nathan Street, GCS Arts Specialist, at Washington Street Annex.
- Questions? Need guidelines? Contact Pat Vreeland at Kids Voting (373-8773).

(Detach here and save invitation)

You, your family, and your friends are invited to the Kids Voting—Guilford County Patriotic Art Contest Reception in honor of our Guilford County K-12 participants.

Sunday, October 18, 2009

Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 North Davie Street

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Refreshments and viewing of student artwork

(Artwork will be on display at the Cultural Center

Friday, Oct. 16 until Thursday, Oct. 22)

Winners will be announced at 2:30 p.m.

(The overall first place entry will appear on the back of this year's Kids Voting t-shirt)

Free Parking at Davie Street Parking Garage

(enter from Church Street near the Library)

Questions? Call the Kids Voting office - 373-8773.

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST FOR K-12 STUDENTS!!!

GUILFORD COUNTY – KIDS VOTING 2009 GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS

- ✓ Schools may send entries for up to 10% of their school population (or 20 if school is smaller than 200). All entries must be received by the Kids Voting staff by **Wednesday, October 7 at 6 pm**. **Late entries will not be considered in the judging**. Entries can be mailed to Kids Voting, 338 North Elm Street, Suite 110, Greensboro, NC 27401 or brought to the Kids Voting office at the same address Monday through Friday. GCS teachers may also send artwork to Nathan Street, Arts Curriculum Specialist, at Washington Street Annex via GCS Courier if received there by October 7.
- ✓ The enclosed entry form must be put on the **back** of all entries. A completed entry form must accompany every submitted entry. Entries without complete forms will not be displayed or judged. **Student's name and school should not be on the front of the artwork**.
- ✓ **All entries will be judged on the quality of the design, its originality, neatness, adherence to guidelines stated on entry forms, adaptability to a t-shirt back, and general adherence to theme**. Simple designs are usually more adaptable to a t-shirt.
- ✓ This year's theme is "Kids Voting Builds Character." The use of the theme is preferred but not necessary to win. It is also **not** necessary to include "Kids Voting" or the words "Kids Voting Builds Character" on artwork.
- ✓ Bold colors show up better than light ones. T-shirt designs can contain only four (4) colors besides white (the color of the shirt itself). Red, white (color of the shirt), blue, black, and one other color are recommended.
- ✓ Artwork **MUST** be the original work of the student. It may be hand or computer generated.
- ✓ Designs must be on white paper no larger than 8 ½ x 11.
- ✓ Entries submitted to Kids Voting will be on display at the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie Street, Greensboro, from Friday, October 16 until Thursday, October 22.
- ✓ The creator of the grand prize design will receive \$50, and that artwork will be placed on the back of the 2009 Kids Voting t-shirt. There will also be a first place winner in each of the following categories: K-2, 3-5, middle school and high school. These first-place winners will each receive \$25. Honorable mention designees will each receive \$10.
- ✓ A reception to honor the participants and announce the contest winners will be at the Greensboro Cultural Center on Sunday, October 18 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. All participants, families, friends, and teachers are invited to attend. **Invitations to the reception are on the bottom of the entry form. They should be detached before the entry forms are submitted and sent home prior to the reception.** Invitations not detached will not be returned.
- ✓ Student entries submitted to Kids Voting will receive certificates if entry form is completed correctly.
- ✓ If interest is even greater than we anticipate (a good thing!), due to limited space we reserve the right to select the entries that will be displayed.
- ✓ Questions? Contact Kids Voting office (373-8773).