

## MEMO

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

FROM: Diane Lowe, Executive Director, Kids Voting – Guilford County

RE: 2011 Kids Voting Art Contest

DATE: September, 2011

Kids Voting is pleased to announce our 12<sup>th</sup> annual patriotic art contest! We appreciate your overwhelming past support, and we encourage your students to participate this year. The contest provides a fun, creative way to stimulate civic awareness and encourage responsible citizenship.

***Who Is Eligible To Participate:*** All students in grades K-12 living in Guilford County.

***2011 Theme: “Voting Gives Me a Voice in My Community”***  
(Its use is encouraged but not essential for a student to win)

***Deadline:*** Monday, October 3 at 6:00 PM

***Entry Form:*** Enclosed form may be photocopied; or downloaded from [www.kidsvotingguilford.org](http://www.kidsvotingguilford.org)

***Number of Entries Allowed:*** Display space at the Greensboro Cultural Center is limited. Schools with more than 200 students should submit entries based on 10% of student population. (Ex. if your school has 500 students, you may submit up to 50 entries.) If your school has less than 200 students, you may submit a maximum of 20 entries. Please consider displaying the remainder of the artwork at your school.

***Submission Process:*** Courier to Nathan Street, Arts Curriculum Specialist, GCS (Washington Street); mail or bring to Kids Voting office, 338 N. Elm Street, Suite 110, Greensboro

***Prizes:*** Small gift certificates will be awarded to first place winners in the K-2, 3-5, middle, and high school categories; and honorable mentions. **The grand prize design will be displayed in various locations, Kids Voting events, and will be put on a bookmark that is distributed throughout the county.**

***Art Show:*** Entries will be on display at the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie Street in downtown Greensboro, from October 12 until October 21.

***Art Contest Reception:*** A reception to honor all participants and announce contest winners will be held at the Greensboro Cultural Center **on Sunday, October 16 from 2:00-3:00**. Teachers, 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.

***What is Kids Voting:*** Kids Voting – Guilford County is a nonpartisan organization that strives to prepare young people to be educated, engaged citizens. If you have any questions about the contest or the program itself, please contact Diane Lowe, Executive Director at 373-8773.

**We appreciate your support of the art contest and our 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 Art Contest Entry Form 2011

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 1/2x11**. Artwork should not be matted, framed, or three dimensional.
- The contest theme this year is "Voting Gives Me a Voice in My Community". You do not have to use the theme to win.
- Bold colors show up better than light ones. **Designs can contain only four (4) colors besides white. Red, white, 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, and general adherence to theme (though theme is not mandatory to win contest).
- Do not use "2011" in the design. "Kids Voting" or "Voting Gives Me a Voice in My Community" 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 **Mon, October 3 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 Diane Lowe 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 16, 2011**

**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**

**Wednesday, Oct. 12 until Thursday, Oct. 21)**

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

**Free Parking at Davie Street Parking Garage**

**(enter from Church Street near the Library)**

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

# **ART CONTEST FOR K-12 STUDENTS!!!**

## **GUILFORD COUNTY – KIDS VOTING 2011 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 **Monday, October 3 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 3.
- ✓ 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, and general adherence to theme.**
- ✓ This year's theme is "Voting Gives Me a Voice in My Community". The use of the theme is preferred but not necessary to win. It is also **not** necessary to include "Kids Voting" or the words "Voting Gives Me a Voice in My Community" on artwork.
- ✓ Bold colors show up better than light ones. Designs can contain only four (4) colors besides white. Red, white, 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 Wednesday, October 12 until Friday, October 21.
- ✓ The creator of the grand prize design will receive a \$50 giftcard and their artwork will be displayed in various locations, Kids Voting events, and will be put on a bookmark that is distributed throughout the county. 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 16 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).