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Announcing Inclusive Schools Art Contest

Baton Rouge, LA -- August 25, 2009 -- An annual Inclusive Schools Art Contest gives students a wonderful opportunity to showcase their artistic talents while also promoting disability awareness and inclusive education.

The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs, the Louisiana Department of Education, Families Helping Families of Southwest Louisiana, LaTEACH, and other organizations, is sponsoring a visual art contest reflecting the theme: ***Inclusion = Everyone***.

The contest is open to all public, private, charter, parochial, and home school students in grades Pre-K through 12. Winning entries will be displayed publicly and winners will receive prizes at an awards ceremony in Baton Rouge during National Inclusive Schools Week (December 7-11, 2009).

Entries that illustrate or describe ideas related to the theme and inclusion of persons with disabilities will be accepted by the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council until **3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2009**.

Details about the activity and the art contest registration form can be found on the Council's website at <http://www.laddc.org>. Questions may be directed to Robbie Gray at 800-450-8108 or via email at robbie.gray@la.gov.

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2009
Inclusive Schools
Art Contest

Theme
Inclusion = Everyone



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What is Inclusion?

Inclusion means everyone can
participate no matter what.



Inclusion allows persons with
disabilities to be educated, to
work and to live like
everyone else.



Inclusion gives persons with
disabilities the chance to do their
best, to be their best and
to reach their goals.



2009 INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS ART CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S): _____ AGE: _____ GRADE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

TEACHER/CLASS _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____ SCHOOL PHONE: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____ TEACHER/CLASS EMAIL: _____

I hereby consent to photographing my child/myself. I also give permission to use the photos for promotion of the art contest on the DD Council's website, newsletters, and other publications.

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council 2009 Inclusive Schools Art Contest

In Recognition of National Inclusive Schools Week (December 7 - 11, 2009), you are invited to participate in a visual art contest reflecting the theme:

Inclusion = Everyone

We will be accepting entries that illustrate or describe ideas related to the theme and accompanying definitions of inclusion of persons with disabilities. Winners will be presented with trophies. Winning artwork will be displayed publicly. Information regarding the awards ceremony, display of art, and other prizes will be announced later.

Contestants are encouraged to use this as an opportunity to showcase their talents by mailing or delivering their entries to the address below:

DDC Inclusive Schools Art Contest
ATTN: Robbie Gray
647 Main Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70801



2009 Inclusive Schools Art Contest Rules



- **DUE DATE: Monday, October 5, 2009**
Entries must be received by 3:00pm.
- The contest is open to all public, private, charter, parochial, and home school students in grades Pre-K through 12.
- Registration forms for all contestants must be typed or printed clearly in ink, signed, and attached to the back of the entry. **Do NOT staple to artwork.**
- **Group projects are limited to a maximum of 5 students per group.** Include the contact information (name, e-mail address and phone number) of the person responsible to inform the group if selected as a winner. A list of all artists' names and school(s) may be attached to artwork but each student must provide a signed registration form.
- Winners and their family members may be photographed during the awards ceremony. The registration form requires signed consent to photograph contestants for the purpose of promotion of the art contest.
- Winning art may be used as prize material, distributed, and not returned.

- Artwork not selected as winners may be picked up in November. Those not picked up by November 30, 2009 will remain the property of the Council. Schedule pick up with the Council office.
- By submitting your entry, you give the DD Council permission to use your art in support of the contest theme.

ARTWORK CRITERIA:

Entries must adhere to the following:

- All artwork entries must be ready to hang or frame and fit standard frame sizes—**minimum 9x12 and maximum 22x28**. Entries smaller or larger will NOT be considered.
- Any suitable materials or a computer generated design may be utilized.
- Package artwork entries so that they are easy to carry, transport, and display.
- Place adequate postage on your mailing package. The DD Council will not pay postage due on parcels.

For further clarification contact:

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