

# Payne County Youth Services' 2nd Annual "Voices of Today" Art and Poetry Contest Theme for 2009-2010 School Year: "Speak Out"

**Description.** Students in participating schools will have the opportunity to enter this art and poetry contest. A theme will be designated each year for this contest. Students will submit their pieces to designated teachers by the given deadline. A PCYS staff member will gather the artwork for judging. Participants will be notified of winning entries by February 15, 2010. The first place winners from each school will receive a ribbon and plaque. The second, third, and honorable mention winners will receive ribbons in recognition of their talents. The artwork will be displayed at select locations in the Stillwater and surrounding communities and will be available for pick-up by the artist by March 30, 2010. Artists can opt to donate their pieces to PCYS's silent auction; otherwise, their artwork will be returned to them. All other pieces will be available for pickup at school sites by their respective artists by March 30. Participating schools include:

- 1 Stillwater High School
- 2 Lincoln Academy
- 3 Stillwater Jr. High
- 4 Stillwater Middle School
- 5 Ripley High School
- 6 Perkins-Tryon Jr. High
- 7 Perkins-Tryon Intermediate School (6<sup>th</sup> grade only)
- 8 Perkins-Tryon High School
- 9 Cushing Middle School
- 10 Cushing High School
- 11 Yale High School
- 12 Glencoe High School

**Categories.** Students may select from two categories: Imagery and Poetry. Students are allowed to submit no more than 3 pieces per category. Imagery pieces can consist of drawings, painting or collages. Submissions must be related to the designated annual theme. The 2009-2010 school year theme is "Speak Out", or what the artist wants to tell the community.

**Formatting.** Poetry and imagery pieces must not exceed the dimensions of 18" X 24" (*note: standard poster board is 22" x 28"*). Artwork must be completed on a paper product or canvas. Any pieces submitted on non-paper or non-canvas products (e.g., glass, wood, etc.) will not be admissible. No sculptures will be admitted.

**Display.** All submissions must be ready for display at time of submission. Artwork must be mounted either on poster board or on mat board. No glass or other frames are allowed. Each piece must have the "Artwork Information" document attached. This document should be completed with the required information, which includes:

- 1 Artist's name and age
- 2 Artist's contact information (address & phone)
- 3 School artist attends
- 4 Name of piece
- 5 Brief description of the piece
- 6 Parent signature (optional – *see "Parental Permission" section for more information*)
- 7 Date, place, and person to whom piece was submitted

**Judging.** Judges will be selected from the community. Judges will view each submitted piece and select first, second, third, and honorable mention pieces from each participating school.

**Parental / Guardian Permission.** Permission is required in order for the artwork of the winners to be displayed in a public location in the Stillwater or surrounding communities. Therefore, each artist must have their parent / guardian check the appropriate box and sign the designated space on the "Artwork Information" document if they wish to have that particular piece possibly displayed publicly at a select location in their community. **NOTE: SUBMISSIONS WITHOUT PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURES WILL BE ACCEPTED, BUT WILL NOT BE DISPLAYED PUBLICALLY OR**

USED FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES UNTIL PARENTAL PERMISSION IS OBTAINED.

*PCYS will take all reasonable precautions to protect the artwork; however, PCYS is NOT LIABLE for any lost, stolen or damaged submissions.*

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION TO DESIGNATED TEACHER/SCHOOL PERSONNEL: DEC. 4, 2009**

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The following information is required for the Artist (please print):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Artistic Piece: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Artistic Piece:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Artistic piece was submitted on: (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Artistic piece was submitted to: (person) \_\_\_\_\_

Artistic piece was submitted at: (place) \_\_\_\_\_

Should this artistic piece win an award, I, \_\_\_\_\_,

Parent / Guardian's printed name

give my permission for this piece to be displayed in a public location, and to be used by PCYS for publicity purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date