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Dear Teacher,

Welcome back to school.

Thank you for your tireless dedication in "bringing out the best in kids."

I am happy to report that the Twin City Area Optimist Club will hold the art contest this year. We look forward to providing an opportunity for young students in Jefferson County to display their artwork.

The contest is open to student artists, ages 12 to 19 years old, who are attending area middle or high schools or homeschooled students in southern Jefferson County. The contest will be held Sunday, November 23 at Elks Lodge 1721, 4 Elks Acres, Festus, MO 63028 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. An application form with contest rules, an instructor entry form, a description of judging criteria and a contest poster for you to post in your classroom are enclosed.

The Twin City Area Optimist Club awards ribbons and gift cards to the Best of Show, first, second and third place winners in each age category (see judging criteria enclosure) as well as Judge's Choice and Honorable Mention ribbons. All students entering receive a Certificate of Participation. All students attending on November 23 receive attendance prizes (art supplies).

The contest is open to the students as well as the public for viewing all exhibits. Art supplies are given as attendance prizes to students attending the contest.

Please encourage your students to enter. In 2024 we had 375 entries from participating schools. If you choose not to participate as a school project, please offer the application form to individual students who might like to enter the contest on their own. Please note the days, times and location to drop-off and register entries. Please feel free to make copies of the application form (one needs to be attached to each entry) as needed. If you have any questions do not hesitate to email me at amybaum515@hotmail.com or call 636-633-0711.

Your help and interest will ensure that your school is well represented. We look forward to seeing your students' wonderful and creative artwork.

Sincerely,

Amy Baum,
Chairman
Twin City Area Optimist Art Contest