

Thanks-Giving Square



Dear Educator:

2010

Thanks-Giving Square is pleased to invite your students to participate in the 6th annual *Thanksgiving Expressions Competition 2010*, which enhances awareness of the Thanksgiving season. The theme this year encourages students to express their thankfulness for our planet.

Awards:

- **1st Place Winners - \$100 for 1st place winners in each Age Group and each Category**
- **Teachers of 1st Place Winners - \$250 for classroom supplies**
- **2nd & 3rd Place Winners – Recognition Ribbons**

Teachers are limited to \$250, regardless of the number of winning entries. Principals from the winning schools will be presented with certificates during the awards ceremony. Winning entries will be displayed at Thanks-Giving Square until year's end.

Grade Groups: The competition includes four grade groups: **K - 3, 4 - 5, 6 - 8, and 9 -12 grades.**

Categories:

- **Visual Arts** – Original drawing or painting. See attached information sheet
- **Written Word** – Original prose or poetry. See attached information sheet.

Timing:

- **E-mail entries are accepted no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, October 20, 2010.**
E-mail - assistant@thanksgiving.org E-mail entries are preferred
Or mail to – **Thanks-Giving Square**
P.O. Box 131770
Dallas, TX 75313
- Schools notified of Grand Prize Winners starting on Wednesday, November 10th.
- Awarding of Grand Prize Winners will be at **10 AM, Thursday, November 18, 2010** at **Thanks-Giving Square, Thanks-Giving Hall, 1627 Pacific, Dallas, TX 75201.** See www.thanksgiving.org for a map and parking instructions.
- **Non-winning entries will be available for pick-up after the contest from 11/22/10 to 11/24/10 between 11:30am and 1:30pm at Thanks-Giving Square. Non-winning entries remaining at the Square after November 24, 2010 will not be returned. Winning entries will be available for pick up 1/4/11 to 1/6/11 between 11:30am and 1:30pm at the Square. Winning entries remaining after January 6, 2011 will not be returned.**

Entry Forms: Entry forms are attached and are also available on-line.

Judging: Schools may submit **up to three of their best candidates' work in each category and each grade group.** A select group of judges will choose winners in each grade group and category.

Please share this information with other educators at your school, and replicate entry forms as needed. Contact Mary Pollinzi Brown at marypollinzibrown@gmail.com or call (214) 969 1977, extension 108. We look forward to receiving your students' creative works and artistic expressions this year.

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Expressions Project Advisor

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Written Word Competition

Purpose: The competition encourages students to express their cultural and/or personal perspectives on gratitude through written word. “*Expressions*” highlights education and the arts, which find common ground in gratefulness and thanksgiving.

Theme: Thankfulness for Our Planet

Grade Groups: Each school submits **up to three of their best candidates’ work in each grade group.**

- Grades K - 3
- Grades 4 and 5
- Grades 6 – 8
- Grades 9 – 12

Description:

- Prose or poetry, whether fiction or non-fiction is acceptable
- Entries must not exceed 2,000 words and fit on two 8 ½” by 11” pages.
- Mailed entries may be on any paper. Please do not mount or frame them.
- Scanned entries may be hand written or typed, and E-mailed as JPEG or PDF attachments
- Entries are to reflect grade appropriate grammar, punctuation, & spelling.
- The student’s **name must not appear on the entry**, or in the body of the written entry to insure impartiality during judging.
- **All entry forms must be completed and submitted with each entry.**
- **Entry forms are attached. See cover letter for detailed information on E-mailing or mailing entries**

Originality: Each student’s creativity is of utmost importance. All entries are judged on artistic merit and interpretation of the theme. Teacher assistance may be allowed under certain circumstances. These are:

- Entries may be typed for the student and **original work attached.**
- Physically challenged students, and kindergarten and first graders may dictate to another person, who types or writes down their work.
- Transcribers should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accurately reflect the student’s original work.

Translation: Students for whom English is a second language may submit writing entries in another language. An interpretive translation must accompany the entry. Translators should make every attempt to accurately reflect the student’s work.

Timing: All entries are due by **5 pm on Wednesday, October 20, 2010. See cover letter.**

Release Form: Grand prize winning students must have a parent or guardian sign a standard Thanks-Giving Square publicity release form for photos and displayed work. Grand prize winners and their teachers will sign a receipt for their prizes.

Return of Work: **Please note that non-winning entries will be available for pick up from 11/22 to 11/24 between 11:30am and 1:30pm at Thanks-Giving Square. Non-winning entries remaining at the Square after November 24, 2010 will not be returned. Winning entries will be available for pick up 1/4/11 to 1/6/11 between 11:30am and 1:30pm at the Square. Winning entries remaining after January 6, 2011 will not be returned.**

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Visual Art Competition

Purpose: The competition encourages students to express their cultural and/or personal perspectives on gratitude through art. “*Expressions*” highlights education and the arts, which find common ground in gratefulness and thanksgiving.

Theme: Thankfulness for Our Planet

Grade Group Categories:

- K – grade 3
- Grades 4 and 5
- Grades 6 – 8
- Grades 9 – 12

Description:

- Only original drawings and paintings are acceptable.
- Scanned entries must be E-mailed as JPEG or PDF attachments.
- Entries which are mailed, must be flat and may not exceed 10” x 14”, including mats and borders, no laminating.
- Mailed entries may be submitted on paper, canvas, cardboard, pressboard, foam board, or canvas board, not to exceed 3/8 inch thickness.
- The student’s name must not appear on the art work to insure impartiality during judging.
- Tape the entry form to the back of the artwork, if mailed.
- **All entry forms must be completed, including a “title”.**
- **See cover letter for detailed information on E-mailing or mailing entries.**

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Entry Form for Schools Nominees (duplicate as needed)

- Schools are limited to only 3 entries per Grade Group and Category.
- This form must accompany each entry.

Name of student nominee(s): _____

Grade group: _____ Grade level: _____

Category (art/written word): _____

Title of work: _____

OPTIONAL Student Statement: What inspired you to create this work? _____

Winning Student's Nominating Teacher: _____

Department: _____ Teacher's Phone number: _____

Teacher's email address (required): _____

School Name: _____ District: _____ Zip: _____

School Address: _____ School phone: _____

Name of other Contact person: _____ Phone: _____

If Teacher Assistance is provided, describe on back of this Entry Form.

Questions ? Email assistant@thanksgiving.org or
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