

Date: January 2, 2019

To: HISD Elementary and Middle School Nurses and Teachers

Re: 2019 National Children's Dental Health Month – Poster Contest

We are excited to offer to HISD elementary and middle school level students a Poster Contest recognizing National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM), an annual campaign by American Dental Association held each February. This campaign brings together dental professionals, health care providers, and others like you to promote the benefits of good oral health to children and adults, caregivers and teachers. Please encourage your students to enter the poster contest and assist them in being creative. **The purpose of NCDHM is to encourage students to recognize and appreciate the lifelong value of good dental health.**

The 2019 NCDHM campaign slogan is "Brush and clean in between to build a healthy smile."

The 2019 campaign poster is downloadable in pdf format from American Dental Association at the following website:

<http://www.ada.org/en/public-programs/national-childrens-dental-health-month>

NOTE: Please review the attached rules and criteria for entering the poster contest. Please abide by these rules and regulations.

POSTER CONTEST DEADLINE: March 1, 2019:

First, Second, and Third place winning posters in each category will be collected by HISD's Dept. of Health & Medical Services. The winning posters can be brought to the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Building, 4400 West 18th Street, Houston, TX 77092.

The Greater Houston Dental Society will obtain the poster entries from the HISD Dept. of Health & Medical Services, so all winning poster entries need to be received by HISD's Dept. of Health & Medical Services by the deadline of March 1, 2019 to participate. The posters will be judged by the Greater Houston Dental Society in March 2019.

Participating HISD schools may pick up their students' poster contest entries from the Dept. of Health & Medical Services, Hattie Mae White Educational Support Building, upon notification by HISD (once returned by GHDS).

WINNERS AWARDS

The Greater Houston Dental Society and Greater Houston Dental Alliance will sponsor awards and/or prizes for the winning entries in first, second and third place. Each winner would receive an award and/or prize, an oral care bag, and be recognized through our dental community.

Students who enter receive a ribbon for their participation in the 2019 poster campaign.

If you have any questions, please call Health and Medical Services at (713) 556-7280.

Good Luck and Keep Smiling!

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