

Dear Principal/Art Teacher/Camp Counselor:

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Terri Rapoport and I am the president of *Teachers Against Prejudice (TAP)*, a non-profit organization composed of educators, parents, and other concerned citizens. Our mission is to increase awareness and examine the causes and roots of prejudice and discrimination; open dialogue with students and teachers from elementary school through college; and promote understanding, appreciation and respect for all through the critical exploration and analysis of film, art, television and other media.

We are conducting our **Seventh Annual Art Contest** to commence on August 1, 2011; the deadline is **midnight, October 15, 2011**. The winners will be notified by December 15, 2011 and, with permission, winning art entries will be posted on our website in 2012. This contest is open to all students enrolled in grades 1 through 4 in public and private schools, as well as those who are home schooled. We will have two separate categories: one for grades 1 and 2 and one for grades 3 and 4. The theme, judging criteria, and prizes are listed below. Winning entries from previous years can be viewed at: www.teachersagainstprejudice.org

We hope your teachers will work with their students on this important theme. We welcome and encourage their participation in this contest. We trust it will help hone students' critical thinking skills as well as provide a forum for their creativity. In addition, if any of the art teachers on your staff are interested in helping us judge the entries we receive, please have them contact us.

Criteria: Entries can be a painting, drawing, collage or other two-dimensional work. For contact purposes only, students *must* include their name, address, phone number, e-mail address (optional), school and grade. **All entries must be emailed or postmarked (CDs) by October 15, 2011.**

Prizes: First and second place prizes will be awarded:
First place: \$150 U.S. Savings Bond
Second place: \$100 U.S. Savings Bond

Comparable prizes will be awarded if the winners reside outside of the United States

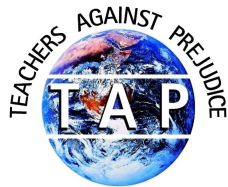
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We anticipate a good response and want to make sure that your students are included in this timely and relevant topic.

Sincerely,

Terri Rapoport

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President



Teachers Against Prejudice (TAP) Elementary School Art Contest

TAP is pleased to invite students to participate in our **Seventh Annual Art Contest, commencing August 1, 2011**. This contest is open to all students in elementary grades one through four, including students from private and public schools as well as home-schooled students. Students who instinctively enjoy the creative process are especially encouraged to participate.

Theme: Sharing Cultures

Have you ever eaten food from another country? Have you ever celebrated a holiday that's different from the holidays in your family? Our lives are enriched by contact with other people and cultures.

In a drawing or painting, depict two or more people sharing their customs, rituals or traditions from their different cultures. For example, it could be a traditional meal/food, clothing, a dance, a holiday, a game, a ceremony, etc.

The subject of the artwork entry is to be the student's personal expression of "Sharing Cultures" and may be in either descriptive or abstract form. Artwork will be judged on originality of design, clarity of theme message, and artistic merit.

Participation: Entrants will be divided into two groups by grade:

- **Group A**—1st and 2nd grades, as of September 1, 2011
- **Group B**—3rd and 4th grades, as of September 1, 2011

Prizes: There will be two prizes in each group:

- First place: \$150 U.S. Savings Bond
- Second place: \$100 U.S. Savings Bond
- (Comparable prizes will be awarded if the winners reside outside of the United States)

Entry Requirements:

- Only one piece per student.
- Entry may be a painting, drawing, collage, or other 2-dimensional work only.
- Only digital files will be accepted; photos or scanned images of artwork must be submitted in jpeg format (high resolution). Files may be emailed or sent on CD. **We will not accept hard copies of artwork.**

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TAP is a non-profit, grassroots, volunteer organization created by and for educators, students, parents, concerned citizens and community leaders. Our national office is in Connecticut and our members are from all over the world.

Deadline for Submissions—October 15, 2011 (midnight)
Results decided by December 15, 2011; announced by January 31, 2012

**7th Annual TAP Art Contest
Entry Form and Permission Slip**

Artist Information

Name of Artist: _____

Age of Artist: _____

School: _____

Grade (as of September 1, 2011): _____

Teacher's Name: _____

School Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Artist's Signature: _____

I/we understand that all winning art becomes the sole property of Teachers Against Prejudice and may be used for advertising and promotion by Teachers Against Prejudice without further consent, compensation, or approval.

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Signature: _____

**Entries must be postmarked (CDs) or emailed (jpeg format only)
by midnight, October 15, 2011**

**Send CDs with entry forms to:
Teachers Against Prejudice
2011 Art Contest
116 New Norwalk Road
New Canaan, CT 06840**

**E-mail submissions should be sent to:
contest@teachersagainstprejudice.org**