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Hello Middle School students, parents, and teachers!

Are you looking for something creative to do with your student in grades 6-8? The Oregon Health Authority and Josephine County Prevention is sponsoring the 2022 Problem Gambling Calendar **Art Search** for Middle School students throughout Oregon. Over 1000 are distributed just in Josephine County each year.

All Middle Schools in KOBIVIEWER area are invited to participate. In addition to the prizes the State is offering, the County Prevention Program will be offering **\$10 Subway Gift Cards** to each student that provides an art piece highlighting Problem Gambling Awareness, and the students whose artwork is chosen to represent the County will each receive a **\$25 gift card**. If there is not enough entries to the State search, a local calendar will be published and 13 pieces of art selected will receive \$50 gift card.

Five pieces will be selected from Josephine County and submitted to the State. The deadline for Art Work to be turned in is April 15, 2021. The contact information is smartinez@josephinecounty.gov, if you are interested, email and we will send a packet of information for you to review with your student.

You can also visit, <https://www.oregonpgs.org/reflect-resource-renew-prevention-campaign/> or <https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/Home/reflect-resource-renew> or <https://www.opgr.org/additional-resources/> for information to help talk to your student about problem gambling. You can also

You can mail the artwork to 301 NW "F" Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526.

Art Work should be on letter size paper 8½ x 11, and have the student's name, grade level, school, city, on the back of the paper.

Please send me an email smartinez@josephinecounty.gov to let me know you will be participating. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 541-474-5234.

I look forward to seeing all the great posters again this year!

Shawn Martinez

Josephine County Prevention and Treatment Services Manager

Each submission needs the student's name, grade and name of school printed **legibly** on the back of the artwork. **It is important that we have the correct spelling of the student's name, so please include a word document with the correct information listed when mailing the artwork!**

Selection and Judging

Judging of the artwork will take place April 16, 2021

Artwork Messaging

- A few suggested messages (below) have been developed and are listed on the back of the art search flier—students do not have to use these messages, they are just some ideas to generate creativity. Students may also create and illustrate their own message. **Please encourage participants not to have the artwork show a winning hand or a winning combination of symbols; this can be a trigger for some individuals who struggle with problem gambling. Our publication department can edit the artwork if need be, but it is our preference not to have to edit the artwork submitted by the youth. Additionally if youth are creating their artwork on the computer, the artwork must be hand generated – no clipart.**

- Gambling can be a risky activity
- Using "free" internet gambling sites puts you at risk for identity theft and other serious problems
- Free counseling is available for anyone with a gambling problem
- Gambling problems can happen to anyone
- There are better things for kids to do for fun than gamble
- People who gamble should set and stick to a limit of time and money
- Signs of problem gambling: lying about gambling and betting more than you intended to
- Gambling addiction is a problem many of us are not aware of
- People can recover from gambling problems

Because the calendar is done by the state and in order to avoid the appearance of over or underrepresentation of geographic areas, the artist's name and grade will be listed on the calendar, but not geographical location. with what month/student represents your region.

Questions? Email Shawn Martinez: smartinez@josephinecounty.gov