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GROSSMONT SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AND STEVE DEVAN HOST VISUAL ARTS CONTEST



Art Contest Winners: Carlos Galvan and Darius Nocon, 2nd Place, Monte Vista High School; Meggan Vega, 3rd Place, Chaparral High School and Keila Morris, 1st Place, Santana High School

The Grossmont Schools Federal Credit Union's (GSFCU) Visual Arts Contest highlighted the artistic talent of Grossmont Union High School District students. Once again, Steve Devan, President and CEO of GSFCU, demonstrated his true commitment to our schools in sponsoring this event. A jury of seven selected 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners based on **Symbolism** to the campus, **Creativity**, **Composition**, **Craftsmanship**, **Effort**, and **Essay**. The top three awards went to Keila Morris, 1st Place, Santana High School; Carlos Galvan and Darius Nocon, 2nd Place, Monte Vista High School; Meggan Vega, 3rd Place, Chaparral High School.

These exhibits and contests are extremely important to our District. The highlighting of our students' accomplishments reminds our parents and communities of the high quality instructional programs that are taking place every day in our schools. **The next big contest will be the PTA's Reflections Program.** It is a county-wide competition that will highlight students from throughout San Diego County. Competitors also have the opportunity to be recognized at state and national levels.

We want to ensure that we demonstrate to the larger community the talent that exists in our GUHSD schools and our high quality instructional programs. ***Therefore, I will be asking for wide participation of students in all of our schools in this fall contest. The deadline for submission is in early November.*** More details will be coming to schools the second week in August.

CRIMESTOPPERS



John Cooley, President of the San Diego Crime Stoppers Board of Directors; Jan Caldwell, Chair, Campus Crime Stoppers Committee; and Sally Cox, Executive Director

The Grossmont Union High School District has been a supporter of Crime Stoppers for many years. Crime Stoppers provides the opportunity for school staff and students to play an important role in preventing crime in our communities and schools. An anonymous "We Tip" hotline has resulted in the arrest and conviction of thousands of criminals in San Diego County.

The program is supported by all law enforcement agencies and the entire criminal justice system. It provides our District with the opportunity to teach our students the critical role of good citizenship and responsibility in their lives.

During the coming school year, we will be publicizing the Crime-Stoppers program, engaging staff, students and our parents in addressing crime both at school and in the community. What are the steps we are taking regarding supporting Crime Stoppers?

1. We currently print the Crime Stoppers tip-line number on the back of student I.D. cards.
2. We will be post Crime Stoppers posters and signs throughout our schools.
3. Principals will provide information regarding Crime Stoppers to all teachers and staff.
4. Student leaders will be provided with information regarding Crime Stoppers and be asked to publicize the program through activities on campus.
5. Model Crime Stoppers activities will be shared with all schools and recognized District-wide. We want to create a culture where it's okay to prevent crime.

We will also create a school watch program in which community members will be provided with information regarding the reporting of crimes to law enforcement during off-school hours. Our goal is to address vandalism or burglaries that may occur after school or on weekends. ***Communities and schools as partners in preventing crime is an unbeatable combination!***