



MEDIA RELEASE

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

"that guilt shall not escape nor innocence suffer"

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TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION NOW ACCEPTING ENTRIES FOR THE 2014 NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY POSTER CONTEST

Nashville, Tenn. - The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is calling all 5th graders from across the state to participate in the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) 2014 National Missing Children's Day poster contest by entering at the state level for a chance to be selected as the national winner and awarded a free trip to Washington D.C. The purpose of the contest is to demonstrate America's united effort to bring missing children home safely, while highlighting the importance of proactive education programs.

The U.S. Department of Justice, through its Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Child Protection Division, sponsors an annual Missing Children's Poster Contest for 5th grade students to develop artwork that represents America's united goal to bring missing children home safely. TBI is the clearinghouse for missing children in the state. The poster contest provides teachers and parents with tools to educate children about safety and the prevention of child abductions. It also allows for peer education and students can explore the importance of the contest's theme "Bring Our Missing Children Home." The National Missing Children's Day ceremony will be held on or around May 21, 2014. The ceremony will be a time to recognize people who work to bring missing children home safely and remember the children who remain missing.



Fifth graders in Tennessee can enter the poster contest by submitting them to TBI which will then pick a state winner to enter into the national contest. The winner of the Tennessee's 2013 contest was 11-year-old Paisley Epps from Dover Elementary School in Dover (see the winning artwork on this news release). Please see the requirements and application for the poster contest attached to the end of this release.

Tennessee entries and completed applications should be mailed to:

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation
c/o Tim Hitt, Criminal Intelligence Unit
901 R.S. Gass Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37216

TBI must receive entries by January 31, 2014 for consideration. The state winner will be notified soon after and the entry will be submitted to the national contest. The national winner will be selected and notified in April 2014.

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National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest 2014 Application

2013 Winning Entry

Student Name: _____

Age: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Teacher Email: _____

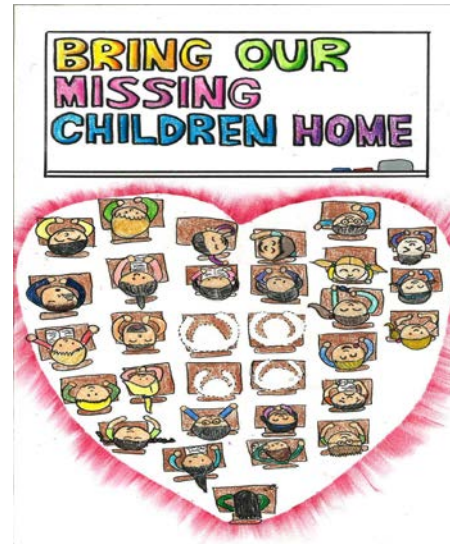
School Phone #: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Room #: _____

Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Email: _____



Tell us about your poster and why you created it. (100 words or less):

“Biography” Tell us about yourself (100 words or less):

Poster Checklist*

Contest Requirements	Complete	Requires more Work
Size: 8 ½ x 14 inches		
Contains phrase “ Bring Our Missing Children Home”		
Artwork ■ Original design ■ Does <u>NOT</u> contain digitally produced images, collages, cut-outs or stamping		
Picture Description ■ Not to exceed 100 words ■ Complete sentences ■ Clearly written or typed ■ Language appropriate for 5 th grader		
Student Biography ■ Not to exceed 100 words ■ Complete sentences ■ Clearly written or typed ■ Language appropriate for 5 th grader		
Application ■ <u>ALL</u> contact information provided ■ Application glued or taped to back of poster		

*Be sure to use the check list to make sure your poster is complete and meets ALL of the guidelines