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RTC invites local fifth grade students to submit anti-graffiti artwork *Winning design will be featured on an RTC transit vehicle*

LAS VEGAS - The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) is again inviting local fifth grade artists to submit artwork that encourages people to respect other's property and not damage it with graffiti.

Student artists are encouraged to submit artwork that reflects the theme of "you spray, you pay." The goal is to pledge against graffiti and educate the public that graffiti is a crime.

The RTC anti-graffiti art contest is open to all fifth grade students of Clark County and seeks to teach students that the difference between art and graffiti is permission.

The top two winners will be unveiled at a D.A.R.E. anti-graffiti special event hosted by the RTC on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011. The selected artwork will also be featured on the outside of a RTC transit vehicle for up to one year. Artwork entries will also be honored and displayed inside RTC transit vehicles.

Artwork must be colorful and submitted in a horizontal format on 11" x 17" paper or poster board with an entry form securely attached on back. Entries must be original in concept and can be submitted by individual students or by a class or other group of students.

Entries in black and white or using photography or glitter will not be accepted. Markers, crayons, colored pencils and paint are acceptable media.

The deadline for entry is Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011 at 5 p.m. All entries should be delivered to the RTC Administrative Offices, 600 South Grand Central Parkway, Suite 350, Las Vegas, Nev., 89106, Attention: Aileen Pastor. Entry forms and complete details can be found at rtcsnv.com. Questions can be directed to Aileen Pastor at 702-676-1735 or pastora@rtcsnv.com.

The RTC is again partnering with the Southern Nevada Graffiti Coalition, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department D.A.R.E. and graffiti investigation units, and Vector Media Las Vegas to hold the contest and host the December unveiling event.

The RTC is the transit authority, transportation planning agency and regional traffic management agency for Southern Nevada. The RTC's vision is to provide a safe, convenient and effective regional transportation system that enhances mobility and air quality for citizens and visitors. The RTC encourages residents and visitors to use alternate commute modes to help reduce traffic congestion, clean the air and improve the quality of life in Southern Nevada. For more information, visit rtcsnv.com.

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