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“Welcoming” as a part of the Search for Peace

2016 Student Art Contest

The Jeannette Rankin Peace Center will be hosting its annual Search for Peace student art contest this upcoming March and April. The theme this year is “welcoming” others as a way of finding and promoting peace within our community. The contest is open to all ages from Kindergarten to University students and there will be cash prizes for the winners in each category, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, College, and Collaborative (two or more students.) Students are encouraged to express what they feel it means to be “welcoming” towards others and how that is expressed both daily and in times of crisis and discrimination. Accepted entries may include any form of artwork, essays, poetry, and photography.

The event and display of submitted art with be held on First Friday of May, May 6th at

The deadline for submitting artwork is Friday, April 22 and may be brought to the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center at 519 S. Higgins. Submissions must be accompanied by an entry form which can be picked up at the Peace Center or select locations. More information is available at the center or by email at [peace@jrpc.org](mailto:peace@jrpc.org) or by phone at 406-543-3955.

This will be the 16th year of Search for Peace, first started by Father Jim Hogan of Missoula in 2001. “We must seek peace, nurture peace, teach peace, and express peace in our daily lives,” said Hogan. The art contest is a way of promoting and interpreting peace through art forms and individual expression. Children are encouraged to use this event as a creative way to use a medium to show how they view welcoming others and how that entails a search for peace.