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**Winterfest Announces Winners, Awards and Cash Prizes of Fantasy Boat Student Art Contest**

### ***The Winterfest Foundation Inspires 631 Budding Artists with Fantasy Boat Student Art Contest***

**Broward County, FL-** The Winterfest Foundation recently hosted judging for the 2018-2019 Winterfest Fantasy Boat Student Art Contest.

This year, 631 students from 22 Broward County public, private, and charter schooled children used their imagination to create drawings depicting what type of boat they would like to see in the annual Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade. The artwork from students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades will be displayed at the Museum of Discovery and Science followed by an awards reception underwritten by BBX Capital on March 5, 2019. All participating students are invited to the reception where they will receive certificates, refreshments, see their artwork on display and enjoy the Museum exhibits.

Judges were representatives of the Winterfest Foundation, Museum of Discovery and Science and the event chair, Rosalie Wheatley.

“Being a judge for the Winterfest Student Art Contest was so much fun and it brought back fond memories of when I was a young art student participating in similar contests. It was great to see so many wonderful and creative submissions, especially from outside-the-box thinkers. We really have some talented kids in Broward County! The Museum of Discovery and Science is really looking forward to hosting the Awards Ceremony and Reception in March,” said Marcela Gurdián, Creative Director for Museum of Discovery and Science.

Twenty-three students will receive their artwork framed with a plaque noting their winning status. A copy of the framed artwork will also be given to their school. Cash prizes will be given to first, second and third place winners and their school will receive a stipend for the classroom.

Ms. Buttonow, a teacher at Mary Help of Christians Elementary will receive \$150 for the largest number of student submissions (92 students). Ms. Miller, a teacher at North Broward Academy of

Excellence, will receive a gift certificate for the second largest amount of artwork submissions (90 students).

WINNERS:

FIRST PLACE: ARINA DENISENKO – McNab Elementary School  
\$750 to the school  
\$300 to the student

SECOND PLACE: ALIYAH PATERSON – Village Elementary School  
\$500 to the school  
\$200 to the student

THIRD PLACE: YIXUAN LIU – Embassy Creek Elementary School  
\$350 to the school  
\$100 to the student

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MENTIONS:

OLIVIA BERNAL – Little Flower School  
CLAIRE BOISVERT – Coral Cove Elementary School  
SHANIQUE DENNIS – Village Elementary School  
ADEN FENELUS – Stephen Foster Elementary School  
SHAI-LI FISHMAN – Embassy Creek Elementary School  
SARAH FLOWER – Floranada Elementary School  
VIVIENNE HORVATH – Beachside Montessori Village School  
SHARAI IRIGOYEN – North Andrews Gardens Elementary  
School of the Arts  
SEBASTIAN KOIFMAN – Eagle Ridge Elementary School  
SUNNY LEACH – McNab Elementary School  
ELLA LI – Eagle Ridge Elementary School  
ELLIOT LINDSTROM – Tropical Elementary School  
SAMANTHA LUEBBERS – Mary Help of Christians Catholic  
School  
RAISYA MOHD – Eagle Ridge Elementary School  
SARA MORALES – Peters Elementary School  
CEDRICK MURPHY – Village Elementary School  
VALENTINA OSPINA – Tropical Elementary School  
KARINA OTERO – Mary Help of Christians Catholic School  
JULIET RADICH – Bethany Christian School  
DELANEY WEEKS – Virginia Shuman Young Elementary School

For more information on the Winterfest Student Art Contest or other events, please contact the Winterfest office at 954-767-0686 or visit [winterfestfoundation.org](http://winterfestfoundation.org)

**ABOUT THE WINTERFEST FOUNDATION.** Founded in 2017, The Winterfest Foundation (501C3) was created to support the South Florida community. The organization focus is education, arts and culture in public places, water safety and assisting other charitable sectors. The Winterfest Foundation does this by providing resources, communication and funds. The foundation encourages charitable organizations, schools and the community to use the opportunities given by the Foundation to

- Encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of Broward County.
- Develop relationships between educators and the general public with united efforts
- Support art projects in schools and in Public Places the community
- Assist Broward County non-profit organizations with the ability to communicate their mission to a larger audience
- Support organizations in their development of water safety awareness

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### **ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE**

The mission of the Museum of Discovery and Science is to provide experiential pathways to lifelong learning in science for children and adults through exhibits, programs and films. Founded in 1976 as The Discovery Center, the Museum provides enriching Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education to approximately 400,000 visitors annually. As a nonprofit organization, major operational support for the Museum is provided through generous funding by Leadership Guild members including: JM Family Enterprises, Inc., Jet Blue and Wells Fargo.

The Museum is open every day of the year including Thanksgiving and Christmas except for one day in the spring for our Annual Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration on March 15, 2019 and one day in the fall for our Annual Gala on October 26, 2019. The Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Ticket prices are \$17 for adults; \$16 for seniors 65+; \$14 for active/retired military personnel; \$14 for children 2 to 12. Children under 2 are free. A 45-minute IMAX documentary or Hollywood movie can be added for a small up charge. The Museum of Discovery and Science is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, call 954.467.MODS (6637) or visit our website at [www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)

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