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GHS/OCD Hold Contests for National Preparedness Month

Throughout the month of September, Guam will join the nation in celebrating National Preparedness Month (NPM) and promoting the importance of planning and preparing for man-made and natural disasters such as typhoons, earthquakes, tsunamis, and floods. This year's NPM theme is, "Prepared, Not Scared. Be Ready for Disasters."

The Offices of Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) will host contests throughout NPM and encourage the school communities to participate:

Elementary School Poster Contest

WHO MAY JOIN - Any elementary student enrolled in any Guam based school.

Categories:

- 1) K-5 and 1st Grade
- 2) 2nd and 3rd Grade
- 3) 4th and 5th Grade

POSTER SPECIFICATIONS

- Overall dimensions shall be no smaller than Legal Size (8.5'' x 14'') and no larger than Tabloid (11''x17'') on paper, poster or illustration board.
- Stenciled, traced, computer generated or commercially manufactured stick-on lettering or graphics are prohibited.
- Posters must incorporate the theme of **"What does your emergency plan look like?"**
 - Posters should have special emphasis on how you and your family can prepare for a disaster (i.e. What do you do before a disaster, how do you communicate before and during a disaster, etc.).
 - Parents/guardians are encouraged to visit [ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) (<http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>) for some contributing ideas.
 - Parents/guardians should not complete the poster board for the children, rather, help them formulate ideas.
- Posters will be judged on originality, the focus on the *emergency preparedness* theme, and the creativity of the poster.

IDENTIFICATION – All entries must include the following information: Name, Age, Grade, School, and Art Instructor/Teacher Name (Required information must be placed at the back of poster).

DEADLINE – All entries must be submitted to Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense in Agana Heights no later than **5pm, Friday, September 20, 2019**. Any entry submitted after this day will not be considered eligible.

Middle School Poetry Contest

WHO MAY JOIN - Any middle school student enrolled in any Guam based school.

POEM GUIDELINES AND SPECIFICATIONS

- Write a one page poem about emergency/disaster preparedness or explain your **emergency plan** in the event of a natural disaster.
- Formatting:
 - 1 inch margins
 - 12 point Times New Roman font
 - Double Spaced
 - Include in the top right hand corner:
 1. Individual's name
 2. School name
 3. Grade
 4. Title of poem
- Poems must incorporate the NPM theme of emergency preparedness.
 - Students, Parents and guardians are encouraged to visit ready.gov (<http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>) for some contributing ideas.
 - Parents/guardians should not complete the poem for the student, rather, help them formulate ideas.
- If information is pulled from a specific source, the source must be cited. Plagiarism of any kind will ensue in disqualification.
- Poems will be judged on originality, the focus on the *emergency preparedness* theme, and creativity.

IDENTIFICATION – All entries must include the following information: Name, Age, Grade, School, and title of poem (all information should be at the top right corner of the poem).

DEADLINE – All entries must be submitted to Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense in Agana Heights no later than **5pm, Friday, September 20, 2019**. Any entry submitted after this day will not be considered eligible. Entries can be delivered to the Guam Homeland Security Office in Agana Heights or emailed to jenna.g.blas@ghs.guam.gov.

High School Video Contest

WHO MAY JOIN - Any high school student enrolled in any Guam based school.

VIDEO GUIDELINES AND SPECIFICATIONS

- An **individual** or a group of **no more than 5** may submit a digital video.
- Digital video submissions should not exceed 3 minutes (180 seconds).
- All entries must begin or end with a full-screen slide that includes the following information:
 - Individual names and grades of those involved in the video.
 - School name
 - Title of video
- Digital videos must incorporate the theme of **“What does your emergency plan look like?”**

- Videos should have special emphasis on how you and your family can prepare for a disaster (i.e. What do you do before a disaster, how do you communicate before and during a disaster, etc.).
- Students, Parents and guardians are encouraged to visit ready.gov (<http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>) for some contributing ideas.
- Parents/guardians should not complete the video for the student, rather, help them formulate ideas.
- Videos will be judged on originality, the focus on the *emergency preparedness* theme, and creativity.

DEADLINE – All video entries must be submitted with a YouTube link to jenna.g.blas@ghs.guam.gov no later than **5pm, September 20, 2019**. Any entry submitted after this day will not be considered eligible.

WINNERS – Winners for each category will be contacted, recognized and presented prizes at the 2019 National Preparedness Month Grand Finale at the Agana Shopping Center scheduled for September 28, 2019.

All entries will become property of Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense and may appear in future public outreach publications.

For contest information, contact Whole Community Preparedness Program Manager, Jaimie H. Cruz at (671) 688-0438 or via email at jaimie.cruz@ghs.guam.gov.

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