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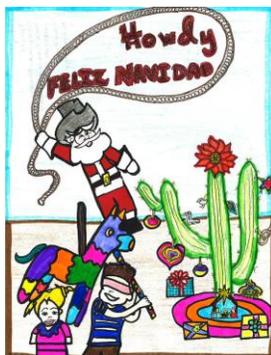
Region One ESC Announces Holiday Art Contest Winners

Edinburg, TX – After pouring through hundreds of entries, the Region One Education Service Center has selected the winners of their Annual Holiday Art Contest. The winning entries become the artwork on the “official” Region One ESC holiday card sent out to area superintendents, school districts, and statewide education agencies. A winner was selected by a panel of judges in the elementary, middle school, and high school division.

“Congratulations goes out to all the students who submitted an entry in the art contest; the judges had an extremely difficult decision in reviewing the hundreds of entries that were submitted. We would also like to thank all students who submitted artwork and their teachers for encouraging the students to participate in the annual event. There is such tremendous talent in our schools and it is an honor to share it with our colleagues!” says Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Region One Executive Director.

Art contest guidelines stipulated the artwork reflect the holiday season in the South Texas area. The winners are: **Elementary Division**, Stefany Nuñez, 2nd Grade, J.Z. Leyendecker Elementary School (Laredo ISD); Ms. Diane Rodriguez, teacher; **Middle School Division**, Natalie Gonzalez, 8th Grade, United Middle School (United ISD), Mrs. J. Valdez, teacher; **High School Division**, Arlette Solis, 11th Grade, Achieve Early College High School (McAllen ISD), Ms. Gina Gonzalez, teacher.

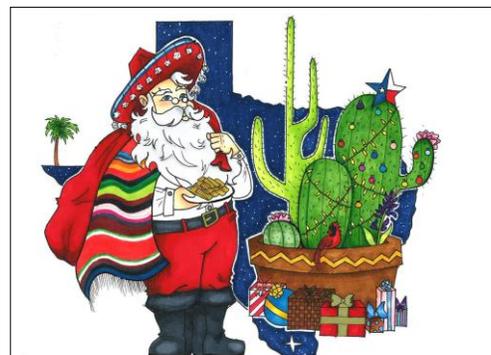
Winners will receive a set of holiday cards, with their art design, to share with friends and family in addition to a prize package of art supplies.



ELEMENTARY



MIDDLE SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL

Region One Education Service Center (www.esc1.net) serves over 437,000 students and educators in seven counties in south Texas including Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, Willacy and Zapata counties. Region One works to assist school districts in improving student performance, assist districts to operate more efficiently and economically, and implement initiatives assigned by the legislature or the Commissioner of Education.