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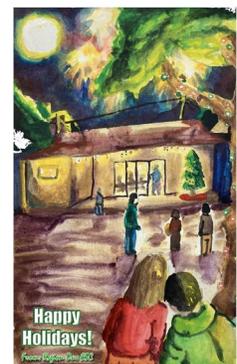
## Region One ESC Announces Holiday Art Contest Winners

**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 shared with 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. As testament to the talent by the student artists, judges called a tie in the elementary division resulting in two winners!

“Congratulations goes out to all the students who submitted an entry in the art contest; the judges had an extremely difficult decision selecting a winner in each division. We would like to thank their teachers for encouraging the students to participate in the annual event. There is such tremendous talent in our schools, and it is our honor to be able to share it with our colleagues!” says Dr. Judith M. Solis, Region One ESC Interim Executive Director.

Art contest guidelines stipulated the artwork reflect the holiday season in the South Texas area. The winning entries are pictured below: **Elementary Division (a tie)**, Julie Byrd, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, San Isidro Elementary, United ISD, Mrs. G. Gonzalez and Mrs. G. Guerra, teachers; and Luis Gonzalez, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Monte Alto Elementary School, Monte Alto ISD, Mr. Eliseo Garcia, teacher. **Middle School Division**, Gabriela Vera, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Roma Middle School, Roma ISD, Mr. D. Trevino, teacher. **High School Division**, Orlando Rodriguez, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Vidal M. Treviño School of Communications and Fine Arts, Laredo ISD, Mr. Gilberto Rocha, teacher.

Winners will receive a prize package of art supplies to encourage the students’ artistic talents, a set of holiday cards with their art design to share with friends and family. In addition, winners will receive a Dell Chromebook donated by RGV Focus.



Region One Education Service Center ([www.esc1.net](http://www.esc1.net)) serves over 438,000 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.