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Media Alert

ELECTIONS OFFICE OFFERS FUN, FAMILY-FRIENDLY ART CONTESTS

Indian River County, FL –The 2016 General Election has certainly captured the attention of citizens across the country. Now the Elections Office is calling on Indian River County schools to help bring the importance of voting to the forefront of the minds of teachers, students and families by encouraging students to submit patriotic artwork for one of two contests offered by the Elections Office.

The first contest, open to all Indian River County 4th graders, tasks students with submitting artwork that promotes voting and patriotism, without referencing candidates or political parties, for a chance to have their artwork printed on tray liners at local McDonald's restaurants. The McDonald's Tray Liner Contest is made possible through a partnership with local McDonald's franchise owner, Joe Conrado. A celebratory event will be held with local franchise owner Joe Conrado, in October to recognize the winner and five runners up. The winning tray liner design will be used in local McDonald's restaurants preceding the 2016 Presidential Election.

The second contest, open to all Indian River County Middle School students, challenges students to create a winning design that will be transformed into a lapel pin. The lapel pins will be distributed to each one of Indian River County's Election Workers. Election Workers look forward to receiving lapel pins to commemorate their service during the Presidential Election.

All original works of art must be submitted to the Elections Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 9th.

NEW THIS YEAR! An exciting spin on these contests has been added thanks to local photo contest expert Stacy Cook. Students, teachers, family and friends may now vote for the winning entries online from September 10-16 at www.VeroVine.com. The winners of both contests will be announced on September 19th.

"The McDonald's Tray Liner and Lapel Pin Contests encourage parents and children to talk about America's spirit and the importance of voting," said Elections Supervisor Leslie Swan. "Voting for the student's artwork allows the contestants to experience democracy first hand."

For contest rules and information, please visit www.VoteIndianRiver.com or contact Stephanie Nelson at SNelson@voteindianriver.com or (772) 226-3446.

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