



NEWS RELEASE

Grade 6 students create original art for immunization awareness

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Every other year, Immunize Canada, in collaboration with the Public Health Agency of Canada, organizes a National Immunization Poster Contest for Grade 6 students in conjunction with the Canadian Immunization Conference. The goal of the contest is to provide students across Canada with an opportunity to submit works of art reflecting their ideas on immunization for good health.

Approximately 1,500 entries were received from schools across the country, and 14 winning posters – a National Winner, a National Runner-up, and one winner from each participating province and territory – were selected based on creativity, artistic quality, colourfulness, imagination and the immunization message.

Immunize Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada are both pleased to announce this year's National Winner as Quinlan Sayo, age 11, from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and the National Runner-up as Morgan Comeau, age 11, from Miramichi, New Brunswick.

Quinlan Sayo, National Winner, was recognized during the opening session of the 10th Canadian Immunization Conference on December 3, 2012 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Her winning poster, along with the other winning posters, was displayed during the conference. In addition to being displayed at the national conference, the posters will be used to promote immunization during Immunization Awareness Week in April 2013.

The provincial and territorial winners are as follows:

ALBERTA – Melissa Lee, age 11, Foundations for the Future Charter Academy – North Middle School, Calgary, Alberta

BRITISH COLUMBIA – Aaren Lin, age 11, Renfrew Elementary School, Vancouver, BC

MANITOBA – Clarissa Nitafan, age 10, Holy Ghost School, Winnipeg, Manitoba

NEW BRUNSWICK – Jolaine Duguay, age 11, Domaine Étudiant, Petit-Rocher, New Brunswick

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR – Olivia Noseworthy, age 11, Holy Redeemer School, Spaniard's Bay, Newfoundland & Labrador

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES – (No poster entries were received.)

NOVA SCOTIA – Brandon Martin, age 11, Mount Carmel Elementary School, New Waterford, Nova Scotia

NUNAVUT – Tommy Manning, age 11, Nuiyak School, Sanikiluaq, Nunavut

ONTARIO – Mayah Kakeeway, age 10, Kingsway Park School, Thunder Bay, Ontario

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND – Marcus Chaisson, age 11, Tignish Elementary School, Tignish, Prince Edward Island

QUEBEC – Charles Ruest, age 11, École des Beaux-Séjours, Rimouski, Quebec

SASKATCHEWAN – Liam Tarr, age 10, Dr. Isman Elementary School, Wolseley, Saskatchewan

YUKON – Mercedes Bacon-Traplin, age 10, Takhini Elementary School, Whitehorse, Yukon

Prizes for the winners were kindly donated by BIOTECanada Vaccine Industry Committee, OWLKids, and Lyreco Office Products.

For more information and to download winning poster images:

<http://immunize.ca/en/events/imm-poster-contest.aspx>

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