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GDOE Supports Red Ribbon Week “Drug Free Looks Like Me”

Tiyan, Guam – As part of the national effort to raise awareness and prevent drug abuse among youth, the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) schools and the Guam National Guard joined forces to celebrate the Red Ribbon Week. The Red Ribbon Week is a yearly campaign that aims to educate young people about the dangers of drugs and encourage them to live healthy and drug-free lives. The theme for this year is “Drug Free Looks Like Me.” To launch the campaign, an island wide Drawing Contest and Gate/Wall Decorating Contest were held for all students from public, private and DODEA schools in Guam.

The Red Ribbon campaign is an initiative that help schools to promote drug prevention and awareness among students. GDOE Superintendent K. Erik Swanson congratulated the contest participants and winners for their outstanding work and dedication. He said, “We encourage the schools to participate in the Red Ribbon campaign and contest, as it is a wonderful way to empower and inform our children on how to stay away from drugs.” I applaud the school principals and teachers for their untiring encouragement and support to our children,” he added.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following schools:

Drawing Contest

Elementary

- 1st Maria Flores (Ordot Chalan Pago Elementary School)
- 2nd Ean Pamintuan (Juan M. Guerrero Elementary School)
- 3rd Jessica Flaherty (Juan M. Guerrero Elementary School)

Middle

- 1st Alexa Hoya (Francisco B. Leon Guerrero Middle School)
- 2nd Sedonna Reghr (Francisco B. Leon Guerrero Middle School)
- 3rd Javier (Benavente Middle School)

High

- 1st Jhazlene Gomez (Tiyan High School)
- 2nd Alana Eclavea (Tiyan High School)
- 3rd Jace Sablan (Tiyan High School)

Gate/Wall Decorating Contest

- 1st (DL Perez Elementary School (Perpetual Trophy)
- 2nd (Astumbo Elementary School)
- 3rd (Upi Elementary School)



Red Ribbon 1st place winner: D.L. Perez Elementary School. From left: Guam National Guard Specialist George Borja; Timothy Naputi; Dr. Darlene Roberto; Sasa Risa, Dr. Anne CORCORON, Tristan Etse; Rebecca Larson, and Guam National Guard SGT. Baron Mafnas



Red Ribbon Week Drawing Contest 1st place winner Maria Flores, 4th grader from Ordot Chalan Pago Elementary School. Picture during presentation of awards, from left to right: Joemari Meeks, teacher; Specialist George Borja, Guam National Guard; Maria Flores; 1st SGT Corina Andre, and SGT Baron Mafnas from Guam National Guard.



Red Ribbon Week Gate/Wall Decorating Contest 1st place winner, D.L. Perez Elementary School; 2nd place, Astumbo Elementary School and 3rd place, UPI Elementary School

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