



ALL KIDS INCLUDED BREAKING NEWS



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS' ALL KIDS INCLUDED COMMUNICATION

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS 2018 "ALL KIDS INCLUDED" STUDENT ART COMPETITION

DEADLINE FEBRUARY 5, 2018



Do you know a young artist? Submissions are now being accepted for the All Kids Included (AKI) district-wide student visual art competition open to all Miami-Dade students in grades PreK-12. Celebrating inclusion, empathy and choosing kind, the contest is held each year in conjunction with the AKI Family Arts Festival, an annual interdisciplinary community arts festival for children and families with or without disabilities. The AKI Family Arts Festival features live performances, interactive arts activities, student field trips, the district-wide student art competition and exhibition, as well as community resources for parents.

For the art contest, student artists are invited to submit original artwork depicting the contest theme and are asked to draw on the selected book for inspiration. Semi-finalists' artwork will be exhibited at regional Miami-Dade County Public libraries and finalists' artwork will be exhibited during the AKI Family Arts Festival at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center. Winners and awards will be announced at the 12th Annual All Kids Included Family Arts Festival on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

The 2018 contest theme is "Celebrating Inclusion, Empathy and Choosing Kind," inspired by the book [*We're All Wonders*](#), written and illustrated by R. J. Palacio. *We're All Wonders* is an inspirational story of inclusion, empathy and choosing to be kind. The story taps into every child's longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are.

WHO: The art competition is open to all students in grades Pre K-12, residing in Miami-Dade County.

WHAT: 2018 All Kids Included District-Wide Student Art Competition

WHERE: Submissions are being accepted now through Miami-Dade County Public School art teachers, or individual students can submit their artwork directly at any Miami-Dade County Public Library Branch, during normal library hours. For a list of Miami-Dade County Public Libraries, go to: <http://www.mdpls.org/locator/map.html>.

HOW: Guidelines, required forms, submission instructions, prizes and award information are available from the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs at www.AllKidsIncludedMiami.org.

WHEN: 2018 Competition Submission Deadline: Monday, February 5, 2018