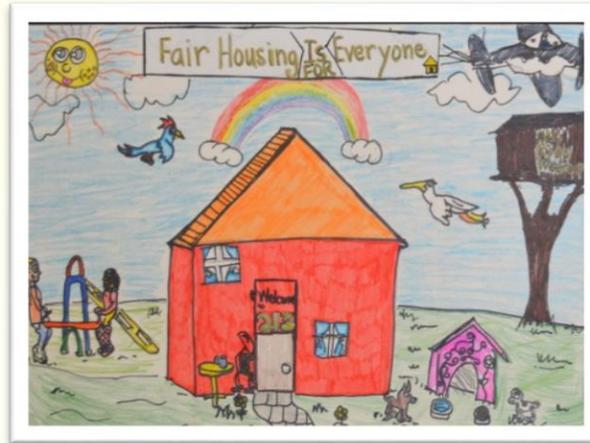




Community Services Department

2015 Fair Housing Art Contest



We would like to invite ALL Seminole County students to participate in the Seminole County Fair Housing Art Contest.

The theme of the contest is
"Fair Housing and What It Means to Have a Place to Call Home."

April is Fair Housing Month, a time to celebrate that each one of us, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, and disability, has access to housing and other opportunities.

Submit your drawing no later than April 22, 2015. Please submit the drawing to the Community Services Department's Office located on 534 W. Lake Mary Boulevard, Sanford, FL 32773. Include your name, grade, name of school, phone number, and address on the back of the drawing. Also submit the Seminole County Confidentiality Release Agreement which will allow us to display and use your drawing in publications, newsletters, announcements, etc.

All participants will receive recognition from the Director of Seminole County Community Services Department. Our partner, Fifth Third Bank, will provide the prizes for the winners of each category (elementary, middle, and high school) as follows: first place \$50, second and third places \$25.

All participants are invited to attend a get together on April 29, 2015 at 3:30 P.M. at the Community Services Department's Office. The winners will be announced at that time.

If you have any questions, please contact Frances De Jesus at 407-665-2386.



What is Fair Housing ?

The federal Fair Housing Act of 1988 and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 constitute the Fair Housing Act. The Act makes fair housing a national policy throughout the U.S. It prohibits discrimination in the sale, lease or rental of housing, or making housing otherwise unavailable because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin.



What Is Prohibited?

In the Sale and Rental of Housing:

No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing
- Refuse to negotiate for housing
- Make housing unavailable
- Deny a dwelling
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Provide different housing services or facilities
- Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection, sale, or rental
- For profit, persuade owners to sell or rent (blockbusting) or
- Deny anyone access to or membership in a facility or service (such as a multiple listing service) related to the sale or rental of housing.



In Mortgage Lending:

No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap (disability):

- Refuse to make a mortgage loan
- Refuse to provide information regarding loans
- Impose different terms or conditions on a loan, such as different interest rates, points, or fees
- Discriminate in appraising property
- Refuse to purchase a loan or
- Set different terms or conditions for purchasing a loan.

Additional Protection if You Have a Disability

If you or someone associated with you:

- Have a physical or mental disability (including hearing, mobility and visual impairments, chronic alcoholism, chronic mental illness, AIDS, AIDS Related Complex and mental retardation) that substantially limits one or more major life activities
- Have a record of such a disability or
- Are regarded as having such a disability.

