



"...a just community begins with me!"

October 2018

To: **All Elementary and Middle School Principals and Art Teachers**

From: Lana D. Benatovich, NFJC of WNY President
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Subject: **The National Federation for Just Communities of WNY, Inc. Community Leader Poster Contest
Open to students Grades K - 4 and Grades 5 - 8.**

The NFJC of WNY, Inc. invites students from Elementary and Middle Schools to participate in this year's Community Leader Poster Contest. We would appreciate your assistance involving your Art and Classroom teachers in presenting this activity to your students.

The contest theme is ***"Kindness Matters"***, in which we hope to encourage students to create pictures that reflect Brotherhood/Sisterhood and the meaning of being a part of our diverse WNY community. We hope this will inspire conversations with your students on what it means to be a part of *"a just community"*.

In conjunction with our theme, we collaborate with several organizations to present the annual MLK celebration which will be held January 17, 2019 at 6:00PM at the Niagara Falls H.S. Performing Arts Center. This free event will feature inspirational messages, music, and speakers that will continue to engage and educate your students on our theme of ***"Kindness Matters"***. More information available soon at: www.nfjcwny.org In addition, we encourage you to engage in our twitter conversation- [#KindnessMattersatNFJC](https://twitter.com/KindnessMattersatNFJC)

Enclosed are the guidelines for the NFJC Community Leader Poster contest. Winners will be invited, with a parent, to our Awards Luncheon which will take place on Wednesday, January 16th, 2019 at 12 Noon at the Buffalo Convention Center. At this event the students will be recognized and their artwork prominently displayed at the tables and throughout the room.

Please submit all artwork to the NFJC office: 360 Delaware Ave. Suite 106, Buffalo NY 14202 by no later than **3:00 PM Monday, December 10th, 2018.**

If you have any questions feel free to contact our office at (716) 853-9596.



Guidelines for the 2019 NFJC Community Leader Luncheon

Poster Art:

Open to Students K-4 and 5-8

Win a chance to have your artwork displayed for all to see!

Theme: “Kindness Matters”

1. **SIZE:** 12” X 18” EITHER DIRECTION
2. **FORMAT:** WE SUGGEST MAGIC MARKERS, PAINTS OR CRAYONS. DO NOT USE PENCIL.
3. **LETTERING:** IF USED, SHOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM.
4. **IDENTIFICATION:** LABEL IN UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER ON REVERSE SIDE WITH THIS INFORMATION:

STUDENT NAME
SCHOOL
GRADE & TEACHER
SCHOOL PHONE #
PARENT’S PHONE #

ALL APPROPRIATE POSTERS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THE ANNUAL NJFC OF WNY, INC. COMMUNITY LEADER LUNCHEON POSTER CONTEST JANUARY 16TH, 2019.

DEADLINE FOR MATERIALS *: MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018 BY 3:00 PM - ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO:

**NFJC OF WNY, INC.
360 DELAWARE AVE., SUITE 106
BUFFALO, NY 14202
716-853-9596**

* Entries received are not returnable and may be used by the NFJC of WNY, Inc. in various print and promotional materials.

** Winners will be notified and invited, with one parent, as guests at the NFJC Luncheon in January.