



September 12, 2008

Dear Educators:

On behalf of the Board of Director's of the Children's Health Initiative of San Luis Obispo County, we are proud to announce our first annual "Emerging Artist Contest!"

This contest will be open to all students (K-12 grades) in San Luis Obispo County from **September 15th – November 6th**. There will be one finalist selected from each district in each of the following categories: High School, Middle School, 4th – 6th grade, and K – 3rd grade. Four grand prize winners, one from each category, will be awarded a \$100 savings bond. A special county-wide category for children who are not old enough to be in Kindergarten will be open for our youngest artist.

This year's theme is: The Beauty of the Harvest. Please note, art submissions are restricted to drawings and painting no larger than 24" x 36."

Judging will take place the week of November 11, 2008. Artists (and teachers) will be notified the following week.

Our hope is to provide a venue for children to express themselves artistically while educating and expanding awareness about the need to keep kids covered with health insurance. A Celebratory Reception will be held for all the artists, supporters and volunteers of the Children's Health Initiative of San Luis Obispo County on Sunday, November 23, 2008 from 4:00-6:00pm at Vina Robles Winery in Paso Robles of which you are all cordially invited. On display for viewing and auction will be the finalist and grand prize winners' artwork.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Children's Health Initiative at (805) 540-5177 or visit us at www.slohealthykids.org.