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Elections Office Launches Democracy Through Art Contest

The Hernando County Supervisor of Elections (HCSOE) will be holding an art contest open to all students in Hernando County. This art contest will be an opportunity for students to express what democracy means to them while utilizing a creative medium. The top eight student entries will be displayed in the HCSOE offices for the duration of the 2020 General Election Cycle.

The HCSOE office will be working with the Hernando County Fine Arts Council to bring this contest to the students of Hernando County, along with the Hernando County School District.

“When we include student voices, we enrich the civic discourse. The Democracy Through Art contest provides a creative, visual platform that promotes and encourages student involvement in civic life. By participating, students come to discover that, through their art, they have the power to spark rich conversation and affect change to improve our communities,” stated Superintendent of Schools John Stratton.

Students will first compete at the school level. The winners will then move on to the county level. Their entries will be judged and on display at the Brooksville City Hall Art Show on November 15, 2019. Two winners from each grade level category will receive an award and their artwork will be displayed at the Elections Office through Nov. 2020.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for students to portray what democracy looks like to them. Having community partners like the Hernando County School District and the Fine Arts Council have been beneficial in helping this program come to life. We are excited to see how students express democracy,” stated Supervisor Anderson.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please call 352-754-4125.

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