

KUA's 31st ANNUAL CALENDAR ART CONTEST



RULES

CONTEST SPONSOR

Kissimmee Utility Authority is sponsoring this student art contest as part of an ongoing electrical safety awareness program. The winning artwork will be featured in a full-color wall calendar for 2025.

PARTICIPATION

The contest is open to Osceola County students enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade, including public, charter, private and homeschooled students.

ARTWORK THEMES

Contest participants are asked to submit artwork on the following themes:

- Grades K-1 - Electrical Safety Where We Play
- Grades 2-3 - Electrical Safety at Home
- Grades 4-5 - Safety Around Electrical Equipment

The facing page of this brochure will provide you with subject ideas and safety tips on these themes.

ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

Artwork must be original and the work of one student only. Students should focus on one main topic or idea in their work. **Size:** 8½"x11" (horizontal format only). **Materials:** White drawing paper. Crayon, felt pen or paint. Make lettering and large enough to reproduce well. Check for spelling errors and keep lettering away from borders. Copyrighted characters, product logos and names cannot be used. The name of the student must not appear on the front of the artwork. Pencil markings should be erased.

SELECTION PROCESS

A panel of judges will select twelve (12) entries from the artwork submitted. Winners, their teachers and principals will be notified by phone or email in December 2024.

PRIZES/RECOGNITION

Each student who submits artwork will have a chance to win tickets to experience Island H2O for the family. **The 12 winners will receive \$150 cash.** The grand winner will have his/her name and artwork added to a KUA vehicle for one year and will be featured on the calendar cover. The grand winner's school will receive \$750 in art supplies. The school with the most total entries will receive \$500 in art supplies.

REMINDERS TO TEACHERS

Electrical safety tips in this brochure have been provided to assist your students with their contest entries. KUA considers each child who enters the contest to be a winner.

Artwork submitted must have an entry form attached to its back (see back page). Check to see that the information provided is legible, complete, **signed by a parent/guardian** and securely attached to the artwork with **transparent tape**.

CONTEST CHECKLIST

Please check the following items before submittal to KUA for proper consideration:


- Entry form is securely attached to back of artwork with transparent tape. Artwork which is not accompanied by the entry form will be ineligible for competition.
- Entry form is legible, completely filled out, and signed by the student's teacher AND parent or guardian.
- Artwork meets size specifications listed under "Artwork Requirements."
- Artwork focuses on appropriate topic (see grade level themes listed on the facing page).
- Title of the student's artwork should relate to electrical safety and the theme depicted in the artwork.
- All artwork is securely packaged and mailed flat. Please do not roll or fold artwork.

Please send or hand-deliver entries to:

Kissimmee Utility Authority
Attn: Corporate Communications
1701 West Carroll Street
Kissimmee, Florida 34741

CONTEST DEADLINE

All entries must be submitted by

Thursday, October 31, 2024. 

TIPS

KINDERGARTEN-FIRST GRADE

Electrical Safety Where We Play

Theme: Every kind of electrical installation and facility must be treated with respect. Serious accidents can be avoided if simple precautions are taken.

Safety Tips:

1. Keep electrical equipment at least 10 feet from a pool or wet surfaces.
2. Look up before climbing a tree. If a power line is nearby or touching it, stay away from the tree.
3. Fly your kite, model airplanes or drones in wide-open spaces, never near electrical wires. If your toy gets entangled with a power line, don't try to retrieve it. Call KUA (407) 933-9898 and let them know where the toy is so they can remove it safely.
4. Never play on transformers. Underground pad mount transformers should be marked with a safety warning. Don't climb or play around them.
5. Turn off electronic games when they are not in use. It's safer and saves energy.

GRADES 2-3

Electrical Safety at Home

Theme: Electricity is your friend when treated with respect. Know the facts - make electrical safety a priority in your home. Electrical appliances, cords and plugs can be dangerous and must be treated carefully.

Safety Tips:

1. Never play with wires, plugs, switches or anything electrical.
2. Never run cords under rugs/carpets, doors, or windows.
3. Place plastic safety caps in all electrical outlets to keep small children from sticking a finger or metal toy into the socket and getting shocked.
4. Avoid overloading outlets by using "octopus plugs." Tools and appliances should be plugged into different outlets to spread the electrical load.
5. Never place items like clothing or toys on top of a lamp. Leaving flammable items near light bulbs creates a fire hazard.



GRADES 4-5

Safety Around Electrical Equipment

Theme: Electrical transmission facilities such as electric towers, poles, wires and substations are present in outdoor areas where we play. Electricity is very powerful energy and can be very dangerous if it touches you.

Safety Tips:

1. Never climb utility poles or substation fences. A "DANGER: HIGH VOLTAGE" sign means stay away. If your ball lands on the other side of the fence containing electrical equipment with warning signs, call KUA (407-933-9898) to get the ball out for you.
2. Never go into an electric substation. Electric substations contain high-voltage equipment; even raising your hand inside one can cause an arc that may cause a shock.
3. During severe electrical storms, stay away from power lines, towers and metal fences.
4. Never leave electrical cords in an area where people walk. The exposed cord creates a tripping hazard.
5. Always charge your device in a well-ventilated area to dissipate heat from the chargers, processors, and batteries. Never leave a phone charging under a pillow.





ENTRY FORM

This form must be signed by both the teacher and parent/guardian of the student submitting his/her artwork for judging. Type or print the requested information and attach to back of artwork. Entries must be received by **Thursday, October 31, 2024**. This form may be duplicated as needed. Contest is limited to Osceola County students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 5.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Student's Home Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone _____

Full Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Full Name of Teacher _____

Full Name of Principal _____

Name of School _____

School Address _____

Title _____ or _____ Subject _____ of _____ Artwork _____

I hereby certify that this artwork was created solely by the student named above. If it is selected as a winner, I agree that it may be published in KUA's **2024 Calendar of Electrical Safety** and becomes the property of KUA and may not be returned. Submission constitutes full permission to exhibit, use and publish the artwork for any purpose and to publish the name, grade, school and/or photograph of the student without compensation beyond the \$150 prize.

SIGNATURES:

Teacher _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Comments: _____

