

**Attention all teachers and kids:**

## **It's time for the Spring 2021 Fight the Bite Contest!**

To help us educate and inform the community about mosquitoes and West Nile virus, we're hosting the annual "Fight the Bite Contest" for students in grades K-12!

Use your creativity and art skills to draw a picture that will show us how you Fight the Bite and protect yourself from mosquitoes using **any or all** of the **D's of Mosquito Prevention:**

**DRAIN** any standing water that may produce mosquitoes.

**DAWN** and **DUSK** are times to avoid being outdoors.

**DRESS** appropriately by wearing long sleeves and pants when outside.

**DEFEND** yourself against mosquitoes by using an effective insect repellent.

**DOOR** and window screens should be in good working condition.

**DISTRICT** staff is available to assist with mosquito problems by calling 1-800-429-1022 or visiting us at [FIGHTtheBITE.net](http://FIGHTtheBITE.net).

### **Art Tips:**

- Be neat and clean in your artwork
- Fill up as much of the page as possible
- Art should be on the original entry form
- You may use markers, crayons or other art supplies
- You may focus your drawing on all of the D's or just one
- Original digital or computer generated art may be submitted
- Remember that mosquitoes have six legs and two wings. Make sure your drawing is accurate
- If you use the "D" in Defend with mosquito repellent, remember that repellent is applied on you to keep mosquitoes away and not sprayed at mosquitoes
- Be creative and original
- Use spell check

## Contest Rules:

1. Entry must be submitted on the actual contest form and all contact information must be filled out.
2. Entry must be the artist's original creation.
3. Design may not incorporate any copyrighted or trademarked characters or violent content.
4. Names of winners and their entries may be used for announcements and promotions. Photos of winners may also be taken and used for these purposes.
5. All submitted artwork entries become the property of the District. We reserve the right to modify any submitted artwork and use it for promotional purposes and reproduction on future materials. For winners, in order to be included in the District calendar and receive the prize, the winner's parent or guardian must sign the following release: Regarding the artwork submittal by my child to the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District Fight the Bite Contest, I (a) authorize the District to use, publish, display, modify and dispose of the artwork and to use, publish and display the artist's name, grade and school and any photo of the artist, (b) confirm and agree that the District owns the artwork and any rights of copyright, and (c) waive any right to prevent the destruction of the artwork.

## Contest Questions and Answers:

**Who can enter?** All K-12 students within Sacramento and Yolo counties.

### **How are entries divided and judged?**

Entries are divided into three grade categories: K-3, 4-6 and 7-12. They are judged on creativity, originality, and effectively communicating one or more of the District D's. Winners are determined by a panel of judges and winning entries will be posted online by May 12, 2021.

### **What is the prize for winning?**

Each category will win:

First prize: \$200

Second Prize: \$100

Third Prize: \$75

Honorable Mention \$50

**Each Classroom Teacher will also win a gift certificate to be used for school supplies and educational materials.**

*Note: The classroom prize does not apply to home schooled children.*

**When is the deadline?** Return entries by April 7, 2021 by 3:00 pm. In some cases late entries will be accepted. Email [info@fightthebite.net](mailto:info@fightthebite.net) to coordinate.

**Where should entries be submitted?**

A scanned entry or photo can be emailed to [info@fightthebite.net](mailto:info@fightthebite.net)

Entries may also be mailed to either of our two locations in Elk Grove and Woodland

**Fight the Bite Contest**

Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District

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Elk Grove, Ca. 95624

**Fight the Bite Contest**

Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District

1234 Fortna Avenue

Woodland, CA 95776.

For any questions call 916-405-2051 or email [kprasad@fightthebite.net](mailto:kprasad@fightthebite.net)