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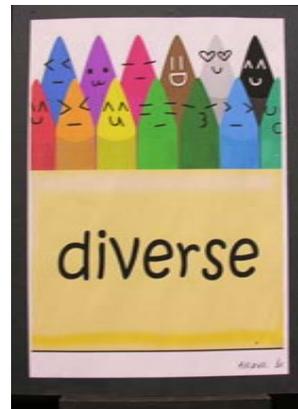
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"In Your Words & Expressions" My perfect world is.....

The Pickering Advisory Committee on Race Relations & Equity is pleased to partner with the Durham District School Board and the Durham Catholic District School Board to present a creative arts contest for students across Durham Region entitled "In Your Words & Expressions". The contest invites students from grades 2 to 12 to submit a written or visual arts piece to the statement "My perfect world is...". Entries are to speak to issues of race relations, equity and diversity.



Honourable Mention
Tavia Bakowski
Gandatestiagon Public School

"As Chair of the Committee, we are once again excited to launch this annual contest. It has proven to be a wonderful way to engage Durham youth in the creative arts while understanding their personal experiences about diversity and race relations. In past years, the municipality and the committee have been pleased to recognize many participating students and schools and we look for to this year's entries", said Councillor David Pickles, Pickering City Councillor – Ward 3 and Chair, Pickering Advisory Committee on Race Relations & Equity.

Since the committee first introduced the student contest in 2004, they have received nearly 1,000 submissions from over 50 schools. The entries have provided a window into the minds of Durham's young people – the issues and triumphs they face today and their dreams for their future.

In January 2010, a distinguished panel of judges will review the submissions and select the winning entries for each of the age categories represented. The Pickering Advisory Committee on Race Relations & Equity will showcase the winning entries in the lobby of the Pickering Civic Complex and on the City's website at www.cityofpickering.com during the month of March 2010. The first place entries will also be featured in the Ajax-Pickering News Advertiser in April 2010.

Students of the winning entries will also be invited to share their works at the 2010 Race Relations Forum hosted by the Pickering Advisory Committee on Race Relations & Equity. This annual event is to commemorate March 21st; The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Deadline to participate is December 1, 2009. For full contest guidelines or to view winning entries from previous years, visit our website at www.cityofpickering.com.

