



The Arizona Department of Health Services and the Arizona Diamondbacks want students to “Be SunWise and Play Sun Smart!”

February 10, 2016

Dear School Principal,

Please share this with staff & forward our website: [www.azdhs.gov/phs/sunwise](http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/sunwise)

The Arizona Diamondbacks and Arizona Department of Health Services are sponsoring a poster-drawing contest for students to increase their awareness about sun safety and skin cancer prevention. Simply have your students draw pictures that show ways to prevent skin cancer-- like wearing a wide-brimmed hat, using sunscreen and wearing a long-sleeved shirt and pants. Contest entry forms and rules are enclosed and can be downloaded on our website. **Drawings must be received by the Department by 5 p.m. on March 21, 2016.** The winning artwork will be professionally reproduced for use in the health department’s SunWise Skin Cancer Prevention School Program.

First prize is 4 tickets for the winning artist and 2 tickets for his/her teacher to attend the Arizona Diamondbacks vs. Colorado Rockies “Be SunWise and Play Sun Smart” baseball game in Phoenix on Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 1:10 p.m. The winning artist and teacher will receive on-field awards at the game and appear on the team’s Jumbotron screen. Teacher receives gallon-size sunscreen.

There will be **50 semifinalists**, with at least **two semifinalists** selected from each grade level. **Posters will be judged and the winner selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks. Every student who submits a poster will receive a personalized thank-you certificate of recognition.** So will every teacher.

Enclosed is an easy Tip Sheet that teachers can use in class to brainstorm poster ideas with students. If you have any questions, please contact SunWise Program Manager, Eric Thomas by e-mail at: [eric.thomas@azdhs.gov](mailto:eric.thomas@azdhs.gov) or by phoning (602) 364-0929. Poster rules and entry forms also available at the SunWise website: [www.azdhs.gov/phs/sunwise](http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/sunwise)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Thomas".

Eric Thomas, SunWise Program, a Mandate for all k-8 Public Schools  
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