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Province-Wide School Crossing Guard Appreciation Drawing Contest

As part of our commitment to recognizing and appreciating the invaluable contributions of School Crossing Guards, the Ontario Traffic Council School Crossing Programs Committee is excited to announce the province-wide ***School Crossing Guard Appreciation Drawing Contest***.

School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week is June 1st to June 5th, 2026

Contest Theme: Celebrating Our School Crossing Guards

Contest Opens: February 2, 2026

Contest Closes: March 31, 2026

Objective:

This contest aims to engage students aged 4 to 14 years in expressing their gratitude and appreciation for School Crossing Guards through art. The winning drawings will be featured on thank-you cards distributed during School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week.

How to Participate:

- Each student may submit one drawing.
- Submissions should be emailed to traffic@otc.org along with the student's first name, age, school, municipality, and contact information.

Artwork Guidelines:

1. **Size and Format:**
 - Drawings should be on an 8.5 x 11 inches paper.
 - Accepted formats: JPEG, PNG, or PDF.
2. **Medium:**
 - Students are encouraged to use any drawing medium of their choice.
3. **Theme Representation:**
 - Illustrate the theme "Celebrating Our School Crossing Guards" in a positive and appreciative manner.
4. **Originality:**
 - Entries must be the original work of the participant.
5. **Inclusivity:**



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- Encourage diversity and inclusion in the drawings, reflecting the different aspects of the community.

Submission Deadline:

All entries must be submitted by March 31, 2026. Late submissions will not be considered.

Contest Winners:

The winning drawings will be featured on the official thank-you cards for School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week and provided for distribution throughout Ontario.

Winner Announcement:

The winners will be announced by April 13, 2026, on the School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week webpage. Individual notifications will also be sent to the winner's school.

Important Note to Parents/Guardians:

By submitting an entry, parents/guardians consent to their child's artwork to be used on thank-you cards and for promotional purposes related to the School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week along with their first name and City or Town.

We encourage your school to participate and help us spread the word among students. Let's join hands to appreciate our School Crossing Guards and showcase the artistic talents within our community.

**Thank you for your support in making this contest a meaningful
and enjoyable experience for the children.**

About Ontario Traffic Council School Crossing Programs Committee

Ontario Traffic Council School Crossing Programs Committee was created to implement a One Voice Approach for collaboration, sharing, review, support and resources. To streamline our School Crossing programs across the province for improved safety messaging, program delivery and support/promotion of safe and active travel to school.

Contact: If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact the Ontario Traffic Council at traffic@otc.org



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2025 Contest Winners



Veronica, age 6
 Fred Varley Public School, Markham.



Ruixi, age 10
 EJ James Public School, Oakville.



Laura, age 14
 Markville Secondary School, Markham.



Anqi, age 8
 Ecole Elsie MaGill, Thunder Bay.



Gurnidh, age 12
 Khalsa Community School, Brampton.



Alannah, age 11
 Silver Creek Public School, Georgetown.