



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Washington Poison Center invites students in **kindergarten through 8th grade** to participate in our 18th annual Poison Prevention Contest. After 17 years of incredible poster entries, we are shaking this year's contest up... **we are asking students to take up their pens and submit a story!**

By writing a 250-500 word story, your child will:

- Increase their knowledge of household poisoning and prevention
- Increase their knowledge of the services the Washington Poison Center provides
- Develop language around household poisoning prevention
- Develop awareness of and confidence in their personal role in poison prevention

We encourage you to support your young storytellers throughout the story development and submission process, especially for kids that are too young to type their story. Please let their imaginations lead, though, so the stories are authentic expressions of their creativity and insights. If your child is interested, you may submit an *optional* audio recording of them telling their story.

Our [contest homepage](#) has rules and resources to help guide and inspire your child (and you!). We will transform the lucky winner's story into an animated video, which we'll share across the state during National Poison Prevention Week (March 17-23).

Contest Schedule

- Contest Kick Off: Thursday, January 11
- Last day to submit: Sunday, February 4
- Winner announced: Tuesday, March 12

The Winner will receive:

- Their story transformed into an **animated video**
- An **iPad** or a \$300 **gift card** to a bookstore
- A **party** for their classroom, with a special visit from the one and only Mr. Yuk
- A visit with their local legislators
- Their story + video shared in a press release and on the Washington Poison Center's website and social media



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to:

- View contest rules and information
- Submit a story
- Access poison safety resources and information
- Access fun, interactive activities on Mr. Yuk and poison safety

We can't wait to see the stories your kids will create that educate, entertain, and inspire for a safer, healthier community!

For questions or more information, contact: mryuk@wapc.org