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Washington Poison Center's 2019 Poison Prevention Poster Contest Winner Chosen

Seattle, WA – After reviewing a record number of entries from kindergarten through 6th grade students across Washington state, Mr. Yuk and the Washington Poison Center are pleased to announce the winner of the 2019 Poison Prevention Poster Contest sponsored by Swedish is Lily Fernley, a 4th grade student at Shorewood Elementary in Burien, Washington. Lily's artwork was chosen from over 400 entries.

"Lily's artwork colorfully reflects how Mr. Yuk comes to the rescue for people needing assistance with poisonings, drug overdoses, or toxic exposures," said Dr. Erica Liebelt, executive/medical director for the Washington Poison Center. "We liked how Lily creatively wove together the image of Mr. Yuk with what she learned from the poison prevention curriculum, especially to LOOK: lock it up, out of reach, out of sight, keep safe."

Schools that submitted artwork to the poison prevention poster contest include: Adams Elementary, Covington Elementary, Chimacum Creek Primary School, Discovery Elementary, East Hill Elementary, Farwell Elementary, Fisher's Landing Elementary, Four Heros Elementary, Hedden Elementary, Home Works, Logan Elementary, Marvista Elementary, Midway Elementary, Quil Ceda Tulalip Elementary, Parkside Elementary, Prune Hill Elementary, Saga School, Sage Crest Elementary, Shorewood Elementary, Skyridge Middle School, St. Mary Catholic School, and St. Patrick Catholic School.

Mr. Yuk and Lily will be delivering the official Washington State Poison Prevention Poster to legislators in Olympia on March 19th, along with sending copies to 1,500 public and private elementary schools throughout Washington state.

To order a poster or for additional questions please contact: Jennifer Monteleone, Director, Public Affairs & Community Relations, jmonteleone@wapc.org or 206-517-2367.

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About the Washington Poison Center: For 63 years, the Washington Poison Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, has assisted Washingtonians with poisonings, drug overdoses, and toxic exposures through its emergency telephone helpline that operates 24/7/365. In 2018, specialists in poison information – nurses and pharmacists with expert-level training in toxicology - answered 64,000 calls from community members, of which 92.5% were treated at home. The cost savings provided by the Washington Poison Center to the overall healthcare system is substantial. Of all household cases in 2018, 92.5% were treated at home, saving the healthcare system \$28,174,191. When 911 called the Washington Poison Center first, and patients were kept at home, the healthcare system saved \$3.3 million.

The Washington Poison Center is always here to help, 24/7/365, by calling: 1 (800) 222-1222. All calls are free and confidential.