



**ART
CONTEST**

Whispers of Hope

**POETRY
CONTEST**

*Embracing Life During Suicide
Prevention & Awareness Month*

September 2026

CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

The Tribal Education Department invites Gila River Indian Community youth (grades 3-12) to enter the Tribal Education Art and Poetry Contest in celebration of **Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month**.

Theme:

"Whispers of Hope"

Important Dates & Times:

Entries are due no later than **5 PM, September 18, 2026**. Following judging, notification to finalists will take place on or before **September 25, 2026**. All winners will be announced **September 28, 2026**.

Winner Categories:

Each Contest will have winners in the following grade levels

- 3rd - 5th: 1st Prize, 2nd Prize & 3rd Prize
- 6th - 8th : 1st Prize, 2nd Prize & 3rd Prize
- 9th - 12th: 1st Prize, 2nd Prize & 3rd Prize

NO LATE ENTRIES!

Contact the Tribal Education Department for more information at (520) 562-3662 • www.gricted.com



"Whispers of Hope"

Contest Guidelines:

ART CONTEST:

Creatively illustrate what ***Whispers of Hope*** means to you.

- The minimum size for all entries is (8 1/2x11). Maximum size is left to the artist's discretion, however we suggest the proportions should not exceed (26x26x4), and weigh less than 15 lbs. Dimensional works such as ceramics, wood, clay, and others must be contained and secure (no loose pieces) and fall within a similar size and weight range. Photography will not be accepted and all artworks not meeting these guidelines will be disqualified from entry

- A conventional Art Rubric will be used to judge art entries

POETRY CONTEST:

Creatively express what ***Whispers of Hope*** means to you.

- Poetry must be your own original work
- Poetry must relate to the theme
- All poetry entries must be double spaced, typed using 12 point, Times New Roman (font)

**All entries must be submitted to the
Tribal Education Department
By 5:00pm on Friday, September 18, 2026**

IMPORTANT! Each submission must include an entry Form and
Photo/Audio/Video Release Form.

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Entry Form

Deadline: Friday September 18, 2026 by 5:00 PM

(NO LATE ENTRIES)

Name: _____

School/Grade: _____

District/Home District: _____

Title of Art Piece/Essay: _____

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Parent Phone number: _____

School Contact _____

Parent Email address: _____

Parent Signature: _____

By submitting this form, I/we understand that all winning entries may be displayed by the Tribal Education Department without further consent, compensation, or approval.

* Must attach PHOTO/AUDIO/VIDEO RELEASE

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PHOTO/AUDIO/VIDEO RELEASE

I, _____ for _____
(Parent Name) (Student Name)

Grant permission to the Tribal Education Department to utilize the photograph, video image, still video image, audio recording, poem and/or artwork for the Whispers of Hope Art and Poetry Contest.

As agreed, with the Tribal Education Department, these materials will be used for the sole purpose of Whispers of Hope Art and Poetry Contest without payment or remuneration for any appearances, use or displays.

I, _____, understand entries may be
(Parent Name)
displayed at the Tribal and Executive office and may not be returned to myself or my student.

I, _____, understand that the Tribal
(Parent Name)
Education Department may use these materials in different media, including, but not limited to billboards, television, radio, internet, newspapers, magazines, newsletters, and produced presentations.

Proper acknowledgment will be given to _____
should said material be used by the Gila River Indian Community. Student Name

Signature Date

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