



The Al Oerter Foundation

(Formerly known as the Art of the Olympians)

Invites your Embassy Community Students to our

POETRY AND ART CONTEST

To Celebrate the 2015 International Day of Happiness

As declared by the United Nations

Our Olympian artists encourage your embassy to represent a moment of unity to promote the value of joy in our lives. In a world filled with struggles our children are the windows into pure happiness. We wish to share their contagious enthusiasm through their gifted talents and honor them with displays and medals for their efforts.

A BRIEF HISTORY: Discus thrower, Al Oerter was the first athlete to win 4 gold medals (1956, 1960, 1964 and 1968) at 4 successive Olympiads and the only athlete to set Olympic records each time. In ancient Greece competitors were not only expected to possess great agility and strength, but also to understand and nurture the arts. These Games produced more responsible and enriched citizens; balanced in body, mind and spirit. It is with this philosophy that Al Oerter established a venue for Olympians to inspire communities, especially our youth through the arts to be the best they can be in all avenues of life. www.aloerter.com

PROJECT SUMMARY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS POETRY AND ART CONTEST:

Happiness comes from enjoyment in life. Smiles, laughter and helping others are a few words that describe the feeling. Our contest fosters what lies within our students into a creative expression for all to share. This contest will help students and viewers:

- To enhance cultural identities, pride, respect and understanding through the arts.
- Appreciate cultural diversity.
- Foster creative thinking and positive expression for the world.
- Celebrate the power that happiness can give.

THE AL OERTER FOUNDATION INVITES the voices of students to be shared through letter and color. Your participation contributes to this Day of Happiness. What an amazing world awaits us.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. We look forward to being inspired by your expression of happiness. The contest rules are attached.

Cathy Oerter

Cathy Oerter
Chair Al Oerter Foundation

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We moved post
up over our website

I didn't set out to beat the world; I just set out to do my absolute best.

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IN COOPERATION WITH THE WASHINGTON DC EMBASSIES

- DATE:** The Contest will be launched on January 12, 2015
Entries due for pick-up at the Embassies on February 26, 2015
- AWARD DATE:** Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony reception TBD
- THEME:** *A Happy World*
- PARTICIPANTS:** The contest is open to students grades K-12 within the participating embassies extended communities.
- ARTWORK:** Artwork must be submitted on a minimum 8 ½ x 11 and maximum 20 x 26 with full name, age, embassy and contact information on back to your embassy. Students may use whatever medium they choose for their artwork.
- Poetry must be typed with full name, age, grade, and embassy and contact information on back. Exception for typing is grades K-2 which can be handwritten.
- JUDGING:** Judging will be by Olympians and community leaders.
Categories from Grades K-5, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12
ART: Best use of theme and artistic expression
POETRY: Best use of theme and poetic expression
- MEDALS:** Medals will be awarded to winners as Gold, Silver and Bronze in each category and by each age group.
- REGISTRATION:** Each embassy will need to assign a liaison to inform The Al Oerter Foundation the number of probable participants.
- ALL SUBMISSIONS:** Each participant agrees to have their entry copied, shared and displayed by the Al Oerter Foundation.
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