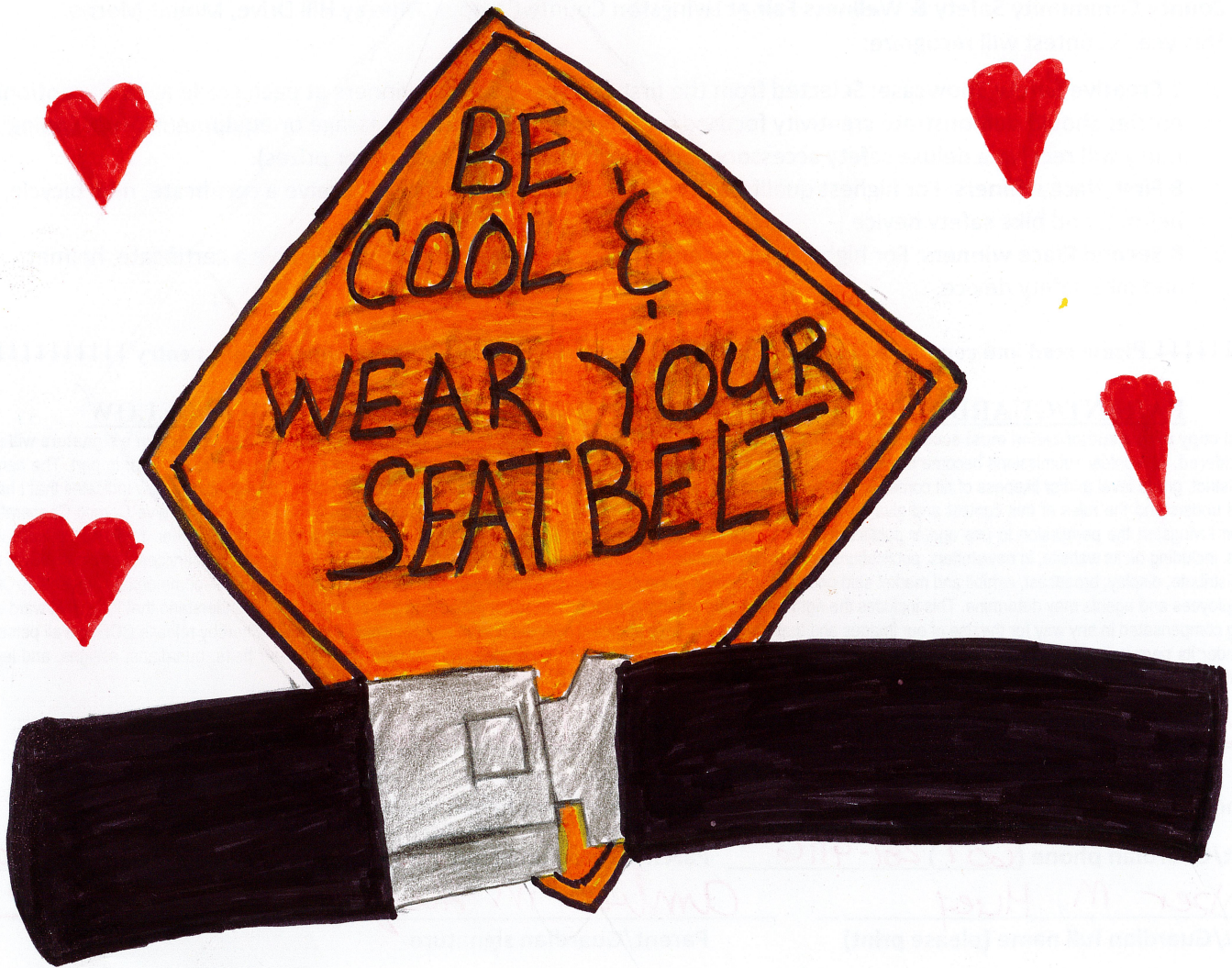


## 2022 Safety On Wheels Contest

For Fifth & Sixth Grade

**Complete One** (deadline for contest entry: Thursday, March 31, 2022):

1. Use the space below to create a poster or comic strip encouraging your peers to always wear a seat belt when riding in a vehicle. Your artwork must be an original design and must include a quote, phrase, hashtag or tagline promoting seat belt safety.
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2. On a separate sheet, write a short essay (150-300 words) explaining why you should always wear your seat belt when riding in a vehicle. Essays must be in your own words and must be attached to this entry form to be considered.



# Why you should wear a seatbelt

People give so many excuses why they don't want to wear a seatbelt. My favorite excuse is that it's not comfortable. It may not be comfortable but the alternative could be death or be seriously injured.

Every year people of all ages die because they are not wearing a seatbelt. In 2019 47% of people that died in car accidents did not have a seatbelt on. I can't even imagine how their families felt when they found out that they may have lived if they just wore their seat belts.

If you are one of the lucky ones that don't die you most likely will be seriously injured. You may be thinking you don't need to wear a seat belt because of the airbag. But did you know airbags can cause you to get seriously injured. You can be completely ejected from the vehicle if you are not wearing your seatbelt. You can get a really bad brain injury or not be able to walk again. Just think for a minute that your injuries could have been prevented if you put on your seatbelt.

There is no good excuse for not wearing a seatbelt. Think of your family. What they will have to deal with if you die or are injured. So be cool and buckle up.