

## 2022 Safety On Wheels Contest

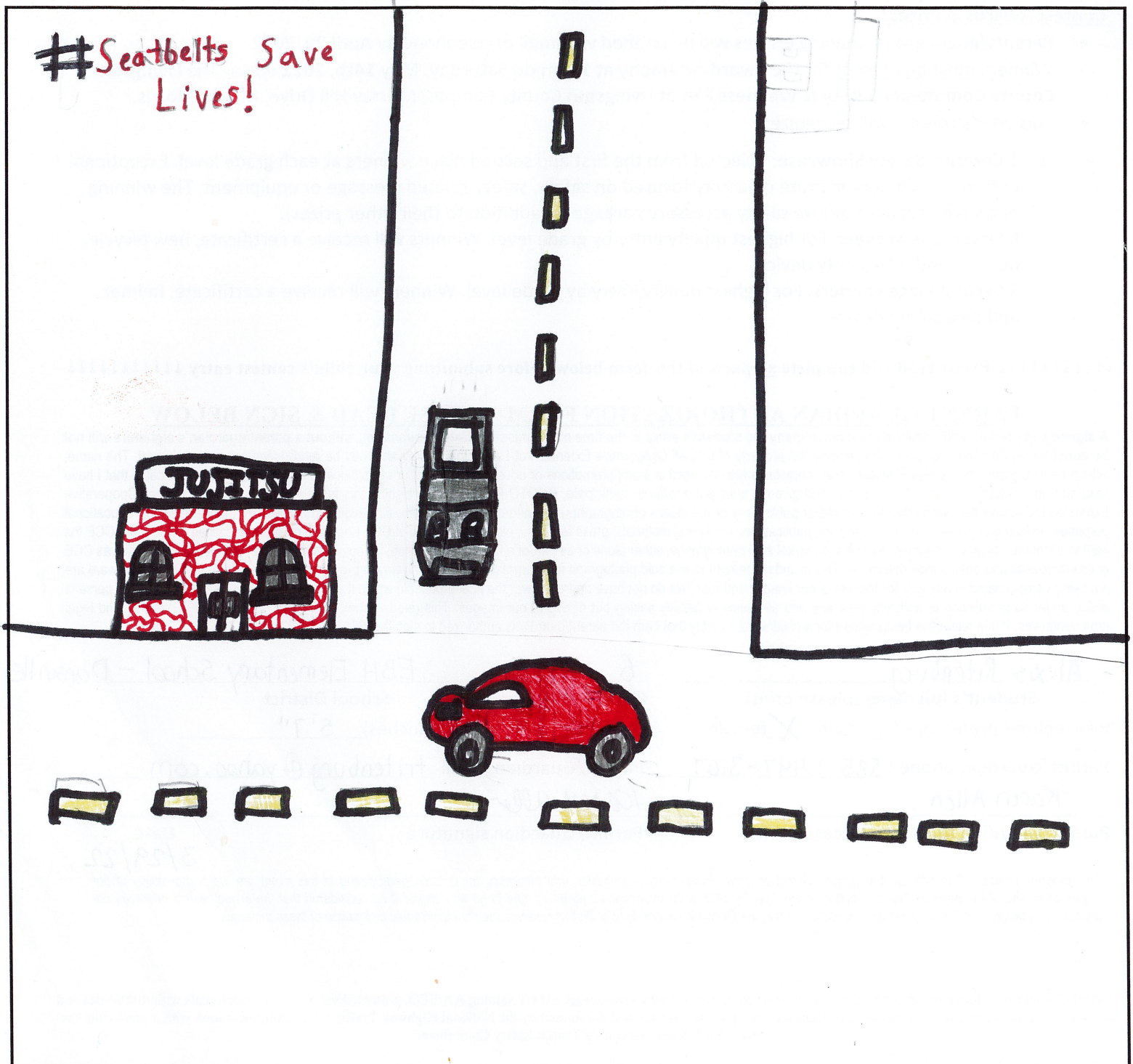
For Fifth & Sixth Grade

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.

Or

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.



It was Thursday March 24, 2022. Me and my Mom where just driving around town. We stopped at Taco Bell to get something to drink. Once we left the drive through we decided to drive around instead of going home, Now we did this often nothing bad ever happened but to-day was unexpected...so unexpected that it was creepy. We were just coming back from driving around Gibson road about to drive around Babcock. When we got to about where the jujitsu place was that's when it happened. A car ran a red light and was about to hit us. Right before it did I remember hearing a gasp from my mom. When I realized that something bad was about to happen I closed my eyes and braced for impact. Once my eyes opened again I remember seeing little particles of gray dust floating around. I also remember Pain streaming through my waist and chest. I opened the door to my Moms car. I knew if I was going to survive I needed to get out of that car quickly. When I looked around I saw my mom turning off the car. Kids from the jujitsu place were watching from the window and people were walking over to the crash. Then it was like something snapped in my brain "What the heck just happened!?" I yelled. I ran over to my Mom and told her my chest, waist and my leg hurt. She told me to go sit down. I limped over to a bench. I sat down and then lifted up my pant leg. A part of my leg was swollen. That was when a woman came over she saw my leg. When I tried to stand up she told me to sit back down and to wait. That's when a man teaching the jujitsu class came out to see what was going on and a woman ran out of the class and asked if I wanted an ice pack. I told her yes I did. This is about when the police and ambulances showed up. Grandma and Grandpa showed up. I smiled and told my Mom they came. Once I said that that's when the police and people from the ambulances came back over and said their were cracks on the widow where my head would be. Now it would have been good to know if I did hit my head but I showed no sign of a head injury. That didn't sit well with the police or the people from the ambulances. That's when they said they wanted me to go to Strong. They put me in a neck brace just in case of a head injury. They also strapped me on a stretcher. Then they carried me away in an ambulance. In the end I didn't have too many injuries. I had no head injuries but they told my parents to keep an eye on me. My leg on the other hand was still swollen the doctor didn't have any reason to believe that it was broken so she sent us on our way with a packet of things to do to keep my swelling on my leg down. Since we didn't have a car anymore my grandpa drove everyone home. This could have been a lot worse if me and my mom where not wearing seatbelts. In fact we could have died in that crash if we didn't wear our seatbelts. This is why it is important to wear your seat belts at all times because if this happened to you I bet you would feel the same way.

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