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Choose Civility Poster Contest

STUDENT IDEAS AND CREATIVITY SOUGHT TO PROMOTE SOCIAL MEDIA RESPONSIBILITY MESSAGE

ELLCOTT CITY, MD – Howard County Library System, Howard County Public School System, and the Columbia Association Art Center are calling on students in grades K to 12 to enter the annual **Choose Civility Poster Contest** to help visually communicate social media responsibility. Students should use their imagination, creativity, and artistic talents to show others why it's important to be a good digital citizen. Students should begin by considering the following questions:

- What does it mean to be a good digital citizen?
- How do you respect yourself and others, decide what to share with others, and choose which photos to post?
- What does it mean to think twice, post once?
- What's your digital footprint?

The contest is open to groups or individual students in grades K-12 who live or attend school in Howard County. The deadline for entries is March 25, 2016.

Categories, details, art, and judging criteria are available at choosecivility.org.

**Posters and videos should be submitted either by mail or in person (beginning February 1, 2015) to:
Monica Herber, Columbia Association Art Center,
6100 Foreland Garth, Columbia, MD 21045.**

An exhibit featuring the entries will be on display at the Columbia Art Center April 11 through 29. A reception and awards ceremony acknowledging the winners will take place at the Columbia Art Center on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 from 5:30 to 7 pm.

For additional information, students, parents, and/or teachers should call 410.730.0075 or email monica.herber@columbiaassociation.org.

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