## "Safe and Fun in the Sun!"

A POSTER CONTEST FOR ALL 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADERS!

We all know that the sun can cause skin cancer. Dr. Todd at the Skin Cancer Center of Northern Virginia has 5 easy steps to help you stay safe and have fun this summer:



1. Always use sunscreen.



2. Stay in the shade when possible.

Especially during those hot midday hours!

3. Wear a hat. Make it nice and big to cover your ears and neck.

**4.** Sunglasses aren't just for looking good - they also protect your eyes.

### 5. Avoid tanning parlors.

(They are just as bad as the sun!)



#### POSTER CONTEST DETAILS

Who: All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders in Loudoun County.

- Why: To teach other kids about being safe in the sun.
- When: Posters are due before Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

What: Poster or paper using any medium - markers, pencil, pen, paint, crayon.
How: Make it creative, and try to use the words "Safe and Fun in the Sun." Be sure to submit an official entry form with your poster.

**Frizes:** Grand Prize Winner receives \$100. Second place will receive \$50, and Third place will receive \$20.

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Key teaching points regarding sun exposure and skin cancer.

#### 1. Skin cancer is common

- There are over 1,000,000 new cases of skin cancer every year in the United States.
- 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer sometime during their lifetime.
- Not all forms of skin cancer are dangerous, but some types of skin cancer can be life-threatening.

#### 2. Ultraviolet light from the sun causes skin cancer.

- Over 90% of all skin cancers are caused by the sun.
- When a person gets five sunburns, their risk of getting a skin cancer doubles.
- More sun exposure, including tanning and burning, means a greater risk of developing skin cancer.
- Ultraviolet light from tanning booths causes skin cancer just like the ultraviolet light from the sun.
- In addition to causing skin cancer, ultraviolet light wrinkles the skin and makes a person look older than they really are.

#### 3. Skin Cancer can be prevented with good sun protection.

- Kids today who protect themselves from the sun can avoid getting skin cancer.
- Protecting yourself from the sun does not mean staying indoors it means taking a few extra steps to make sure your skin is safe.

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"Safe and Fun in the Sun!" **Official Entry Form** 

School:	Teacher
Grade: Age:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Parent's Name:	

#### Poster Contest Rules:

Name:

- 1. All students Grade 6-8 (ages 11-15) are eligible to participate.
- 2. Artwork must be original artwork of the student.
- 3. Posters become the property of the Skin Cancer Center of Northern Virginia.
- 4. Posters will not be returned.
- Posters must be RECEIVED by the Skin Cancer Center of Northern Virginia on or before Friday May 6 at 12:00 noon. No late entries will be accepted. The address is: 19465 Deerfield Ave., Suite 401, Lansdowne, VA 20176.

I understand and agree to the above rules: _		
-	Student signature (required)	Date
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Parent signature (required) Date