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Six Fullerton students earn top prizes in 2010 Railroad Safety Poster Contest

An awards presentation ceremony during the June 8 Fullerton School District board meeting will honor six Fullerton students chosen as the citywide winners in this year's Railroad Safety Poster Contest.

The 12th annual contest was sponsored by the Southern California Railway Plaza Association, Amtrak® and Coast Rail Services in an effort to make children in Fullerton aware of the hazards associated with moving trains and the potential for serious injury in being around rail crossings and train tracks.

More than 13,000 Fullerton elementary students were offered an opportunity to participate. Poster themes included: "Don't Mess with Trains!" "Never Stop on the Tracks!" and "Don't Try to Race a Train Across – You'll Lose!"

Our judges selected the six citywide winning posters from nearly 80 school-level winners submitted by 15 elementary campuses. The students' posters were judged in two categories by grade level: kindergartners through third-graders and fourth- through sixth-graders.

Here are the top winners:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Student's name</u>	<u>School/grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1 st	Kelvin Chung	Fisler/third	Hancock
2 nd	Jenna Estrada	Raymond/second	DiDonato
3 rd	Bryant Chung	Acacia/third	Jue
1 st	Guillermo Fernandez	Pacific Drive/fourth	Grover
2 nd	Donghyeon Lee	Sunset Lane/sixth	Jenisch
3 rd	Andrew Rodriguez	Acacia/sixth	Cockerill

Coast Rail Services will award cash prizes of \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place. Amtrak will again present four round-trip tickets for the winners' families to their choice destination of San Diego or Santa Barbara. .

Posters created by all winners from the 15 schools are on display for the month of May in the Fullerton Main Library's Children's Room. Railway association poster Chairman Stan Swanson organized this year's competition, working with Lauralyn Eschner, Visual and Performing Arts coordinator for the Fullerton School District.