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GEM Art Contest Launches October 10th

The portal for our 2025-26 GEM Art Contest will be **open on October 10th for Grades 6 – 12 in Greater Dayton** and will run **through January 12th**. All students—public, private, charter, and homeschooled—are invited to participate. **Every school with an entrant will be guaranteed at least one winner with awards ranging from \$50 to \$1,000.** (Homeschooled students are combined as one school.) **This year's theme is resiliency and the importance of mental well-being.** The guidelines and judging rubric are available on our website: www.gemprojectdayton.org.



Artwork created by Mame, a freshman at Northmont, featured in RTA ad

GEM Artwork in the Community

GEM Project Dayton works closely with local organizations and professionals in the community to promote mental well-being and suicide prevention awareness. **GEM artwork can be found on posters, flyers, notepads, stickers, door hangers, coasters, banners, ... the possibilities are limitless.** For example, we have an ad with 988 messaging in RTA buses running September 2025 through February 2026. We are working with local leaders in zip codes with the highest suicide rates to share the 988 crisis line along with our GEM artwork. We will use this year's artwork to create a two-year calendar for distribution in the Fall of 2026. **If you need prevention resources, reach out and we are happy to share what we have or create something unique for your specific needs.**



GEM Team members at an event at Levitt in July 2025.

Not an Artist?

If you are passionate about supporting your peers and are **NOT** an artist, you can **join our student leadership team** that coordinates and judges the annual GEM Art Contest. We meet every month either in person or online. We have a lot of fun while making a big difference and earning service hours for school awards/clubs, too.

Another option is to **join our GEM Writers' Kickback** to create written messages of hope for your peers. Details are in the flyer enclosed with this mailer. Check our website and/or join our email list for updates.

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