As part of the National Chemistry Week (NCW) 2009 the American Chemical Society (ACS) is hosting a poster contest for students in kindergarten – grade 12. **Students are invited to create a poster that celebrates the theme “Chemistry—It’s Elemental!”.** The poster should be fun, motivational and inspire students to learn about one or more elements in the periodic table.

Consider the roles that elements play in your everyday life. For example:

- The history of an element or elements
- Common and not-so-common uses of elements
- The history of the periodic table

**Prizes...Prizes...Prizes....Prizes...**

First and second place in each of the following grade categories:

- K- 4th
- 5th -8th
- 9th -12th

**Local Prizes:**
1st Place: Chemistry assembly for their school AND A Science Gift Basket (valued at $50)

2nd Place: NCW T-shirt

**National Prizes:**
1st Place: $100
2nd Place: $50

There are also prizes for teachers of winning students!
National Chemistry Week Poster Contest

Contest Rules:

• All entries must be original works without aid from others.

• Posters must be no larger than 14 x 22 inches.

• Entries on foam board will not be accepted.

• Entries must be hand-drawn using crayons, paint, colored pencils or markers.

• Posters must be sent to:

  Penn State Erie, The Behrend College
  Prischak Building
  4701 College Drive
  Erie, PA 16563
  Attention: Poster Contest

• Posters must be submitted by October 16th, 2009.

• All entries must have the following information included on the back of the poster: student’s name, grade, name of school or sponsoring group (e.g. Boys and Girls Club or Scout Troop), adult contact address, contact name, contact telephone number, student/adult contact email address. Home schooled students are eligible for the contest and should include the name of any homeschool group with which they are associated.

• Entries lacking complete and legible information will be disqualified.

Judging:

Entries will be evaluated based on the following:

1. **Artistic Merit** (use of color, quality of drawing, poster design & layout)

2. **Poster Message** (should be fun, motivational and promote chemistry’s important role in everyday life)

3. **Originality and Creativity** (unique, clever and/or creative design)

4. **Neatness** (free of spelling and grammatical errors and/or stray marks)