

THA 2026 Playground Safety Contest

In late April, the Troy Housing Authority worked with the HAI Group to participate in the 2026 Playground Safety Poster & Essay Contest. The 2026 Playground Safety Contest promotes playground safety by encouraging kids to draw posters or write essays on ways to keep safe while playing at the playground. The theme for this year's contest was "Safety makes a splash" and to incorporate ocean related items into their posters. For example: Ocean water, animals, sand, coral coves, reefs and more. The contest was open to children in all THA locations between the ages of 6 and 14 years old.

15 children submitted posters for the 2026 Playground Safety Poster and Essay Contest from both the Martin Luther King Homework Club and Griswold Heights Homework Club. 4 students from the Lodge Homework Club at MLK, and 11 students from the Griswold Heights Homework.

The Troy Housing Authority gave prizes of \$50 to the 1st place winners in each age group; \$30 to the 2nd place winners in each category; and \$20 to the 3rd place in each age group. (6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-14 years).

Congratulations to all 7 winners selected by the THA Administration Staff:

Rose Bailey, Aahrya Campbell, Tymeer Battiste, Cayden DiBlasi, Sebastian DiBlasi, Kristopher Gordon and Anthony Holmes.

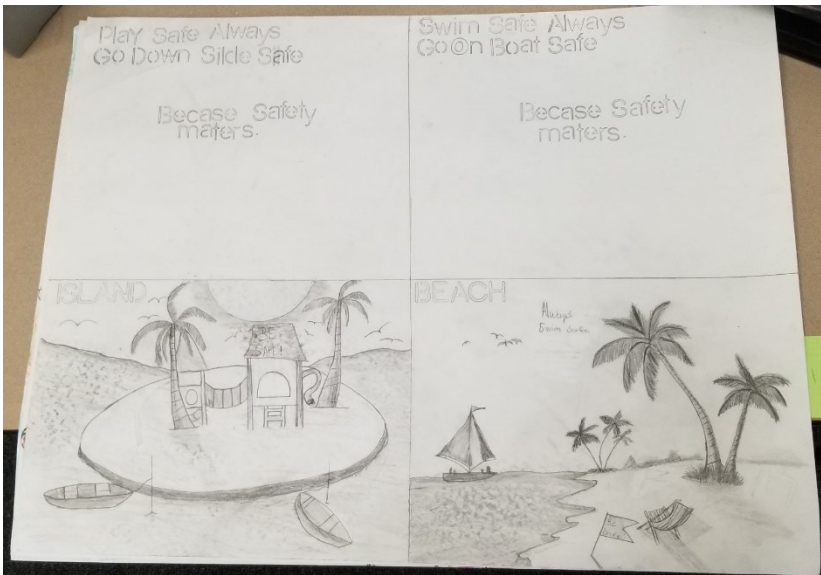
Two pizza parties to celebrate and hand out prizes were held in early June at both the Martin Luther King Homework Club and the Griswold Heights Homework Club. The Pizza parties were open to all children who are registered at the Homework Club and their parents.

THA is proud of all the participants in the 2026 Playground Safety Poster and Essay Contest. All 1st place posters were submitted to the HAI Group for a National Contest to compete with various other housing authorities nationally for additional prizes.

Tymeer Battiste is the 1st place winner in the Troy Housing Authority contest and walked away with the 2nd Place win for the HAI Group in the National contest.

Congratulations Tymeer and all of the 2026 Playground Safety Contest participants from the staff and Board members of the Troy Housing Authority!!!

THA 2026 Playground Safety Contest - First Place Winners

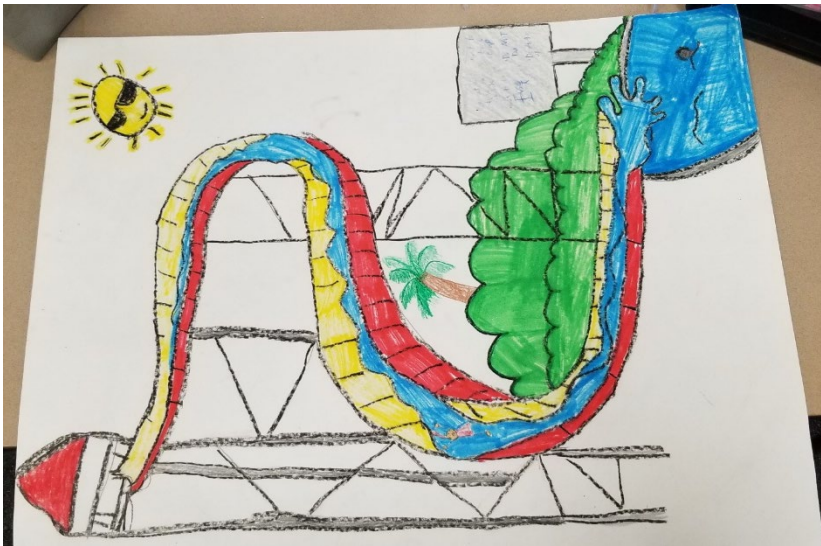


Tymeer Battiste

Age Group: 12 – 14 years

THA Contest: **1st Place**

HAI Group Contest: **2nd Place**



Aahrya Campbell

Age Group: 9 – 11 years

THA Contest: **1st Place**



Rose Bailey

Age Group: 6 – 8 years

THA Contest: **1st Place**

THA 2026 Playground Safety Contest Pizza Party



Griswold Heights Homework Club and staff getting ready for pizza



Selena Skiba, Sam Bunch, Sheba Brown and the Griswold Homework Club



Selena Skiba, Jill Gorleski, April Williams and the MLK Homework Club