



**NORTHWEST AMHERST COMMUNITY CENTER (NWACC) IN COLLABORATION WITH SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION'S FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**



# 1st Annual Writing & Art Contest: Belonging

*Enter to Win*

One of the goals of Sweet Home's Family & Community Engagement Subcommittee is to strengthen its partnership with the Northwest Amherst Community Center (NWACC).

NWACC opened in September 2023 to serve Amherst residents of all ages and abilities. It focuses on serving the northwest quadrant of Amherst, which is an underserved part of the town. Our surrounding neighborhood is highly diverse and we want our programs and buildings to reflect and embrace our rich diversity.

To promote community engagement, we are pleased to launch our 1st Annual Writing and Art Contest for Sweet Home students.

Sweet Home's DEI Mission is: "Cultivating a community where all members experience a sense of belonging."

Prompt: What does "belonging" look like?

- **Art:** Students should use a medium of their choice (drawing, painting, photography) depicting their representation of what it means to **belong**
- **Writing:** Student responses, in the form of a poem or essay (1-3 paragraphs), should highlight what it means to **belong**

Prizes: The competition (prizes) will be offered at 3 levels:

1. Grades 4-5
2. Grades 6-8
3. Grades 9-12



Multiple prizes, including Sweet Home gear and gift cards, will be awarded for each age group. The grand prize will be an invitation to attend Sweet Home's annual Student Leadership Summit, **Challenge 2 Change, on May 22, 2024.**

**DUE DATE:** Friday, April 12, 2024 by 4:00 PM

**DROP OFF LOCATION:** Main Office of your School or email [rbailey@sweethomeschools.org](mailto:rbailey@sweethomeschools.org)

**All submissions will be prominently displayed at both the NWACC and SH District Office foyer!**

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