



Hawaiian Volcano Observatory

September 2011

Dear 4th Grade Teacher:

In January 2012, the USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory (HVO) will celebrate a milestone anniversary—100 years of continuous volcano monitoring in Hawai‘i. As part of our centennial celebration, HVO is hosting a poster contest for Hawai‘i Island 4th grade students, and I am pleased to invite you and your students to participate.

I have enclosed the HVO Poster Contest Guidelines, which describes the poster themes, awards, judging process, important dates, and more. These guidelines, and additional helpful information, are also available online at <http://hvo.wr.usgs.gov/education/postercontest2011>.

Every student who submits a poster will receive a “Certificate of Recognition.” Ten winning posters, selected by a panel of judges, will also receive engaging and useful awards related to volcano watching (listed in the guidelines). Teachers of the award-winning students will receive a special prize, as well.

If you elect to assign this as a class project (*i.e.*, every student creates a poster), I encourage you to consider holding an in-school contest to select only the top 4-6 posters from your class to submit to HVO. The “Certificate of Recognition” is attached (also available online at address above) so that you can present a certificate to students whose posters are not forwarded to HVO.

Posters must be submitted to HVO on or before November 23, 2011. I will be happy to pick up the students’ posters from your school. All you need to do is contact me via telephone or email no later than November 16 to schedule a pick-up day and time. My contact information is shown below.

Prizes will be awarded at HVO’s Centennial Open House on Saturday, January 21, 2012. I encourage winning students and their teachers to participate in the award ceremony that day. If a winner cannot attend, however, his/her prize will be mailed or hand-delivered the following week.

Award-winning and honorable mention posters will be displayed at KTA Super Stores around the island. The 10 award-winning posters will also be featured at the HVO Open House and on the HVO Web site.

I hope you and your students will participate in the HVO Centennial Poster Contest. If you have questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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Certificate of Recognition

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By the

**U.S. Geological Survey's
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*In appreciation of
your poster celebrating 100 years
of volcano watching on Hawai'i Island*

Jim Kanahikawa
HVO Scientist-in-Charge