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HISTORY OF DRAGON BOAT

The Dragon Boat Festival has been held for more than 2,000 years, and takes place on the fifth day of the fifth month of the lunar year, usually at the start of summer. The celebration involves eating zongzi (sticky rice treats wrapped in bamboo leaves) and racing dragon boats.

There are different legends about the Dragon Boat Festival, but they all involve some of the most important traditions in Chinese culture like honesty, spirit, loyalty, honor, and love.

One legend says the festival began as a celebration for planting rice crops and praying for a good rainfall since it was believed that dragons controlled the rain and rivers.

The most well-known legend honors China's oldest known poet, Qu Yuan, who lived from 340 to 278 BC. Qu Yuan gave his king advice on how to keep the peace in the kingdom. Unfortunately, the King did not listen to Qu Yuan, who became very sad and was sent away.

Qu Yuan drowned in a river after he heard that his kingdom had been attacked. The people of the kingdom raced their boats to try and save him. This was the beginning of Dragon Boat Racing.

After the races, people spend the rest of the day watching traditional Chinese street theater and dance performances, martial arts and other cultural shows.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The 2015 EmblemHealth Dragon Boat Drawing Contest theme is “**Dragon Boat and Me**” Using the drawing template on the back of this page, draw, paint, or write a poem or story that shows what the Dragon Boat Festival means to you.

Deadline for Entry: August 2, 2015

Notification: You will receive a confirmation email upon your submission. Winners will be notified by email.

RULES FOR ENTRY

1. Competition is open to all children between age 4 and 12 (three age groups: age 4-6, age 7-9, age 10-12).
2. Each submission must include name of the child and a brief description of the image.
3. EmblemHealth and Flushing BID shall have the right to display and reproduce accepted work for educational and promotional purposes in both printed and electronic form.
4. EmblemHealth and Flushing BID have the sole right to refuse any submission that is deemed inappropriate.
5. Entries must be original works of art and not copies, derivatives or based in any way on other copyrighted or published works of art.

JUDGING

Judging consists of a panel of three members, including two professional artists. The competition will be judged for thought-provoking, contemporary and historical significance as well as artistic and creative merit.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submissions must use the official “EmblemHealth & Flushing BID Drawing Contest Template” on the back of this page. Water-color, color pencil, crayon, and markers are all welcome.

Each submission must contain an entry form, artwork release form and official drawing contest template.

Drop-off locations:

- AdvantageCare Physicians Flushing
140-15 Sanford Avenue, Area G, Flushing, NY 11355
- EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care Chinatown
87 Bowery, New York, NY 10002
- EmblemHealth Mobile Truck
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