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# HISTORY OF MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Many people believed that the mid-autumn festival started as a way to celebrate the fall harvest. But one of the more famous stories of mid-autumn's origin was about a woman named Chang Er.

Chang Er was the wife of a man named Hou Yi who shot down multiple suns because they made the land very hot and uncomfortable. To recognize this heroic act, the goddess queen gave him a drug that allowed him to become a god. He gave it to Chang Er for safe keeping. Another man named Feng Meng found out about the powerful drug and wanted it for himself. He confronted Chang Er when Hou Yi was not around.

Chang Er knew she couldn't prevent Feng Meng from stealing the drug, so she swallowed it. Soon, she was so light that she began floating into the sky toward heaven. Since she didn't want to leave her husband, Hou Yi, she held on to the moon and stayed there for all eternity.

When Hou Yi found out what happened, he was very sad, but he noticed the moon in the sky was very round and bright. He saw what seemed like Chang Er moving across the moon.

Hou Yi and others believed Chang Er was now a goddess. They set out an offering table and asked her for peace and serenity. This is when the mid-autumn holiday started.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

The 2017 Drawing Contest theme is "My Mid-Autumn Festival." Using the drawing template on the back of this page, draw or paint a poem or story that shows what the Mid-Autumn Festival means to you.

**Deadline for Entry:** October 13, 2017

**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, the Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc., 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, the Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc., 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 "Mid-Autumn 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:

- EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care Chinatown: 87 Bowery, Manhattan.
- AdvantageCare Physicians Flushing: 140-15 Sanford Avenue, Flushing.
- AdvantageCare Physicians Bay Ridge: 740 64th Street, Brooklyn.
- EmblemHealth South Brooklyn: 2482 86th Street, Brooklyn.



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