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Dear School Principal and 5th Grade Teachers:

Each year more than 1.3 million children are reported missing. Law enforcement, citizens, and even children have been instrumental in keeping children safe and returning them home to their families, community, and school. Every year the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) takes time to commemorate the valiant and unselfish acts of the many organizations and individuals who bring our missing children home. On May 25th, National Missing Children's Day, we pause to focus our attention on children who have been recovered, as well as the children who are still missing.

Each year DOJ sponsors a national poster contest and announces the winner at the annual National Missing Children's Day Ceremony in Washington, DC. The winner of this national contest, along with his or her teacher and parents, are flown to Washington to attend this special ceremony. I invite you to join us in our efforts to educate children across the country about safety issues by giving your 5th grade students an opportunity to participate in this poster contest. The theme for the poster contest is "Bring Our Missing Children Home".

Local schools participating in the event will have the opportunity to submit their winning poster for judging at the state level. The Missing Children's Section of the Rhode Island State Police will develop and coordinate the process for the statewide competition. Each state will then submit the single winning state poster to the Department of Justice for final judging. Contact information for the Missing Children's Section is Mr. Steve Loynds at 401-444-1125 or sloynds@risp.dps.ri.gov. Complete packet of information can be found at: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/postercontest>.

If you have any questions or need additional information about this important national contest, please send an email to mc.day.2010@fvtc.edu.

We look forward to receiving an entry from your school and hope that your school will join in this exciting and important national competition. Thank you in advance for your assistance and support. Together we can insure the safety and security of children across the country.

Sincerely yours,

Darren H. Delaney
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