



LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
820 Davis Lake Road  
Lapeer, MI 48446

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Dear 3<sup>rd</sup> grader family,

Lapeer County Road Commission, in honor of National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 20 – 24, is excited to announce our first ever Work Zone Safety Poster Contest! We would like to invite all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students, attending schools in Lapeer County, to participate in our 1<sup>st</sup> annual poster contest.

Each spring the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the American Traffic Safety Services Association coordinate and sponsor National Work Zone Awareness Week. This year's theme, "Safe Work Zones for all. Protect workers. Protect road users. We can do it!"

Third grade students are asked to design a sign for the contest that focuses on this year's theme or one of the following safety tips for driving through a work zone.

1. Pay Attention - Full attention should be focused on the road and driving. Avoid driving while sleep deprived, stay off your phone or any other possible distractions in your vehicle.
2. Keep a Safe Following Distance – Rear-end collisions are the most common accident in a work zone, remember to leave plenty of room between you and the vehicle in front of you and slow down!
3. Obey the Signs – Reduced speed limits, lane merge/closure and traffic regulators are there for safety reasons. Often construction workers are just feet away from where you are driving, obeying our signs helps ensure their safety.

Students are to create their sign on the designated Work Zone Safety Poster Contest form using crayons, markers, colored pencils, pencils or pens. Five winners, one from each District (Almont, Dryden, Imlay, Lapeer and North Branch) will be chosen based on creativity and their ability to convey a strong safety message. Teachers will collect submissions from their students and submit the entries to the Lapeer County Road Commission.

- Winning entries will be selected and schools will be notified during National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 20 – 24, 2020
- Contest winners will receive a metal replica of their sign
- Each student participant will receive a certificate of appreciation

We Look forward to your child's participation