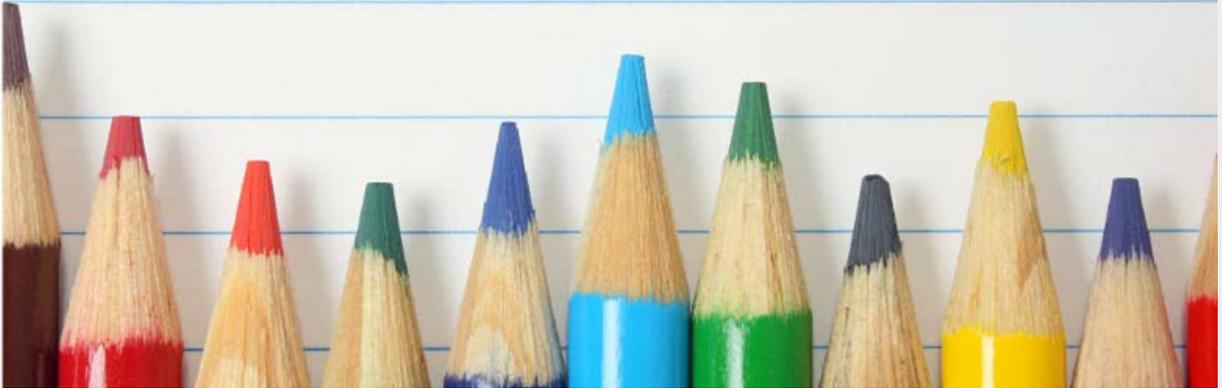


BEETLE DRAWING COMPETITION



Draw your best picture
of the American
Burying Beetle
enjoying RI!



Governor Gina M. Raimondo announced today a drawing contest to celebrate our new state insect.

To enter, simply draw our new state bug enjoying one of your favorite Rhode Island things to do in the summer.

"Now that the American Burying Beetle is a symbol for our state, I want to see your drawings of our state insect as a true Rhode Islander," said Raimondo. "Whether that is a picture of the beetle

sipping on a Del's lemonade, or hanging out on the beach, show us how you imagine our newest Rhode Islander enjoying our great state."

Recently, the Rhode Island General Assembly approved legislation to make the American Burying Beetle our official state insect.

The bill was introduced by Sen. V. Susan Sosnowski (D-Dist. 37, South Kingstown, New Shoreham) at the request of third graders at St. Michael's School in Newport, who began their quest upon learning that Rhode Island is one of only four states without a state insect. Today the Governor ceremoniously signed their bill into law.

This drawing competition is open to first through fifth graders throughout the state. The winning artist will have their artwork put on display in the Governor's State Room at the Rhode Island State House.

If you would like to enter the contest, or know someone who would like to enter, please send all drawings to:

Communications@governor.ri.gov

or by mail to:

State Insect Drawing Competition
C/O Governor's Communications Office
82 Smith Street, Room 128
Providence, RI
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**All entries must be postmarked or sent to the email address listed above by
Friday, August 14.**



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