

ALL PRINCIPALS/AP'S: 11th Judicial Circuit Court Centennial Celebration Contests

Category:**Audience:** All Principals/APs, All Teachers , Media Specialists

Due Date: Dec 03, 2010

Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): [Centennial Contestguidelines final.pdf](#)

The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills in cooperation with the 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida is sponsoring a poster, essay, and speech contest to celebrate the 11th Judicial Circuit Court's Centennial.

- The 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida is celebrating its Centennial.
- In cooperation with the Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills, the 11th Judicial Circuit Court is sponsoring the following competitions:
 - A poster contest for elementary grades 2-5;
 - A speech contest for 7th grade middle school students; and
 - An essay contest for 11th and/or 12th grade senior high school students.
- The 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida is unique in that it is the largest circuit court system in the state of Florida, the 4th largest in the nation, and the only circuit court in Florida that serves only one county: Miami-Dade. Celebrating its long and unique history offers a chance for students to reflect on the idea of justice and develop an appreciation for the services that the 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida offers to the residents of Miami-Dade County.
- In order for students to reflect on the idea of justice and appreciate the 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, the following competitions are being offered to students at the following grade levels:
 - A poster contest for elementary students in grades 2-5: Theme - *"What Justice Means to Me."*
 - A speech contest for 7th grade middle school students and an essay contest for 11th and/or 12th grade senior high school students: Prompt (the same prompt is used for both the speech and essay contest): *"What does justice within our legal system mean to you? Describe an event or occurrence where you saw justice or injustice take place. How did this affect your views on how justice was carried out?"*
- There is a limit of one entry per grade level per school. Each elementary school can submit a 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade poster. Each middle school may submit one 7th grade speech, and each senior high school may enter one 11th grade and one 12th grade essay.
- **It is up to the individual school site to determine the criteria for selecting their entries as long as the guidelines stipulated for each contest are followed** (see attachment for further contest guidelines, criteria, and contest descriptions).
- **The due date for each contest is December 3, 2010.** Details of where to send the entries is also on the attachment.
- A panel of judges for each contest will evaluate the entries and an award will be given as follows for each contest:
 - Certificates of Participation for Each Entry
 - Commemorative T-Shirt to each school's winning entry,
 - \$100 savings bond to the 3rd place winning entry,
 - \$250 savings bond to the 2nd place winning entry,
 - \$500 savings bond to the 1st place winning entry.
- Additional instructional resources to assist schools in learning more about the history of the 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida and its importance to the residents of Miami-Dade County and our nation will be forwarded to schools at a later date to accompany the Centennial Celebration.
- For further information about community events related to the Centennial Celebration of the 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, please visit their website at: <http://circuit100.com/>.
- If you need additional information regarding the poster contest, please contact Ms. Mabel Morales, Art Supervisor, Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills, 305 995-1984, or via email MMorales14@dadeschools.net.
- If you need additional information regarding the speech or essay contest, please contact Mr. Robert Brazofsky, Social Sciences Supervisor, Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills, 305 995-1599, or via email RBrazofsky@dadeschools.net.

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