

ALL ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences - 2019 Black History Essay Contest for Elementary Schools  
*Category: For Your Information*

**Audience:** Principals/APs (Elementary), All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

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To announce the Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences Black History Elementary (K-5) Essay Contest.

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- The purpose of this contest is to enhance elementary school students' writing skills while promoting an awareness of the 2019 Black History theme, "Black Migrations."
- **BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES**
  - The elementary categories are grades K-2 and 3-5.
  - Essay Prompt:  
**K-2 Prompt:** *Migration means to move from one place to another within a country. Explain why you might want or need to move from one place to another within your own country.*
  - 3-5 Prompt:** *Migration means to move from one place to another within a country. Research why African Americans migrated at various points throughout U.S. History. Explain why African Americans migrated at certain points in U.S. History.*
  - Essays must be typed, with a maximum length of 500 words (2 pages), double space on white paper, and stapled on the upper left-hand corner.
  - The prompt must be typed on the cover sheet. The cover sheet must also include the following:
    - Student's name;
    - Grade level;
    - Student's Phone number (cell/home);
    - Teacher's name, best contact phone number, email address; and
    - School name and phone number.
  - Failure to follow these guidelines will result in disqualification.
  - All entries will be evaluated in their entirety with consideration being given to the following four elements: focus, organization, support, and conventions.
- **PRIZES:**  
Separate first, second and third place prizes will be awarded in the K-2 and 3-5 grade ban categories as follows:
  - 1st place - \$200 U.S. Currency
  - 2nd place - \$100 U.S. Currency
  - 3rd place - \$50 U.S. Currency

- **NOTE:** Winners of the essay contest will be invited to attend the *Thirlee Smith 2nd Annual Black History Brain Bowl* that will be held at the Lyric Theatre on Thursday, February 28, 2019 to be recognized and awarded their prizes. Teacher sponsors of the winning students will be notified via email with complete details to attend the *Thirlee Smith 2nd Annual Black History Brain Bowl*.
  - **All entries are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2019.**
  - Submissions are to be faxed or emailed to the following:
    - **FAX:** 305-995-1492 **OR**
    - **Email:** [azeto@dadeschools.net](mailto:azeto@dadeschools.net)
  - If there are further questions, contact Dr. Sherrilyn Scott, District Supervisor, Department of Social Sciences, at the number listed below or via email at [sherrilynscott@dadeschools.net](mailto:sherrilynscott@dadeschools.net).
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