

ALL PRINCIPALS/AP'S: Black History Essay Contest for All Schools

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

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

To announce the 1st Annual Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills and 99JAMZ Black History Essay Contest.

- The purpose of this contest is to enhance elementary and secondary school students' writing skills while promoting an awareness of the 2011 Black History theme, "African Americans and the Civil War."
- **All entries are due by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2011.**
- **Winners will be announced on 99JAMZ radio Sunday, February 27, 2011, at 8:30 a.m.**
- The elementary and secondary categories are as follows:
 - Elementary categories are grades **K-2** and **3-5**
 - Secondary categories are grades **6-8** and **9-12**
- **2011 Black History prompt:**
 In 1861, Frederick Douglass, a famous black leader, wrote that regardless of the plan, the Civil War would end slavery. Four million people of African descent, free and enslaved blacks, rallied around the Union flag in the cause of freedom.
 Now, imagine you are a leader much like Frederick Douglass. Use examples from the Civil War to convince your reader to join a worthy cause.
- **PRIZES (K-2):**
 First, second, and third place prizes are as follows:
 - 1st place – \$50 Target Gift Card
 - 2nd place – \$50 McDonald's Gift Cards
 - 3rd place – \$30 McDonald's Gift Cards
- **PRIZES (3-5):**
 First, second, and third place prizes are as follows:
 - 1st place – Boom Box
 - 2nd place – \$50 McDonald's Gift Cards
 - 3rd place – \$30 McDonald's Gift Cards
- **PRIZES (6-8):**
 - 1st place - \$100 Gift Certificate
 - 2nd place - \$50 McDonald's Gift Cards
 - 3rd place - \$30 McDonald's Gift Cards
- **PRIZES (9-12):**
 - 1st place – Will Station
 - 2nd place - \$100 Gift Certificate
 - 3rd place - \$50 Gift Certificate

BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES

- Elementary school students up to grade 5 are eligible to participate in this contest. (Sixth grade students who are still housed in an elementary school and sixth grade students in a K-8 center must enter the middle school competition).
- Essays must be typed, with a maximum length of 500 words (2 pages), double spaced 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 student's name, grade level, and school. 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.
- **SUBMIT TO:**
 - Dr. Sherrilyn Scott, District Supervisor, Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills - SBAB Annex, Room 326C - Mail Code #9626
- **All entries are due on or before Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.**
- Faxed entries **will not** be accepted.
- If there are further questions, please contact Dr. Sherrilyn Scott via email at sherrilynsconfig@dadeschools.net or at the number listed below.

Contact: Dr. Sherrilyn Scott (305-995-1971)**Department:** Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills