

ALL ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences - Black History Essay Contest for Elementary Schools

Category: For Your Information

Audience: Principals/APs (Elementary), All Teachers

Due Date: Feb 23, 2018

Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): [2018 Black History Elem Essay flyer.pdf](#)

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

- The purpose of this contest is to enhance elementary school students' writing skills while promoting an awareness of the 2018 Black History theme, "African Americans in Times of War."
- **BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES**
 - The elementary categories are grades K-2 and 3-5.
 - **Essay Prompt:**
Many Americans feel it is important to serve one's country and many decide to do so by joining the military. Research a specific African American who has served their country through the military and explain to your reader why this person should be recognized for their service.
 - 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;
 - Email address;
 - Phone number (cell/home);
 - Teacher's name and email address; and
 - School name.
 - 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 **grade bands K-2 and 3-5 middle school and senior high school** categories as follows:
 - 1st place - \$200 U.S. Currency
 - 2nd place - \$100 U.S. Currency
 - 3rd place - \$50 U.S. Currency
 - Winners of the essay contest are also invited to attend the *Thirlee Smith 1st Annual Black History Brain Bowl* that will be held at the Lyric Theatre on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.
- **All entries are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2018.**
- Submissions are to be faxed or emailed to the following:
 - **FAX:** 305-995-1492 **OR**
 - **Email:** azeto@dadeschools.net
- If there are further questions, contact Dr. Sherrilyn Scott, District Supervisor, Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences, at the number listed below or via email at sherrilynscott@dadeschools.net.

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