

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

Category: For Your Information

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

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

Announce the Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills and 99JAMZ Black History Essay Contest.

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- The purpose of this essay contest is to enhance elementary school students' writing skills while promoting an awareness of the 2012 Black History theme, "Black Women in American Culture and History."
 - All entries are due by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.
 - Winners will be announced via email on Friday, February 3, 2012.
 - First, second and third place winners in the following categories will be recognized in the 2012 District Black History Program (see details below).

M-DCPS' DISTRICT ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM:

- First, second, and third place winners are asked to attend the District's annual Black History program.
- The District's Annual Black History program is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the SBAB auditorium.
- The SBAB auditorium is located at 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, FL 33132.
- 2012 Black History essay prompt:

African American women have made a difference in history for many years. Think of the reasons/ accomplishments that have made them famous.

Now, think of any African American woman who is not famous but who has made a big difference in your life and or community.

Now, write to explain to your reader what makes this African American woman important enough to be included in an African American women hero's history book.

- **PRIZES (K-2):**
First, second, and third place prizes are as follows:
 - 1st place – \$50 Target Gift Card and Framed Certificate.
 - 2nd place – \$50 McDonald's Gift Cards and Framed Certificate.
 - 3rd place – \$30 McDonald's Gift Cards and Framed Certificate.
- **PRIZES (3-5):**
First, second, and third place prizes are as follows:
 - 1st place – Boom Box and Framed Certificate.
 - 2nd place – \$50 McDonald's Gift Cards and Framed Certificate.
 - 3rd place – \$30 McDonald's Gift Cards and Framed 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, email address, phone number (cell/home), 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, Supervisor,
Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills
School Board Administration Building Annex, Room 326C
Mail Code #9626
Telephone: 305 995-1971
- All entries are due on or before Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.
- Faxed entries will not be accepted.

If there are further questions, contact Dr. Sherrilyn Scott via email at sherrilynscott@dadeschools.

Contact: Dr. Sherrilyn Scott (305-995-1982)
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