

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

Category: For Your Information

Audience: Principals/APs (Elementary)
Due Date: n/a
Meeting Date: n/a

To announce the Department of Social Sciences and 99JAMZ Black History Elementary Essay Contest.

- The purpose of this essay contest is to enhance elementary school students' writing skills while promoting an awareness of the 2013 National Black History theme, "At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington."
- All entries are due by 4:30 p.m. on **Monday, February 11, 2013**.
- Winners will be announced via email on **Friday, February 15, 2013**.
- First, second, and third place winners in the following categories will be recognized in the 2013 District Black History Program (see details below).
- 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 Wednesday, February 20, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the SBAB auditorium.
- The SBAB auditorium is located at 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, FL 33132.

- **2013 Black History essay prompt:**

K-2

Think about historical events such as the March on Washington and explain to your reader how actions such as this have helped expand and define freedoms for all Americans.

3-5

Think about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr' s "I Have a Dream Speech," and write to explain to your reader how the Emancipation Proclamation influenced the content found in Dr. King's speech.

- **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,
Department of Social Sciences
SBAB Annex, Room 326C
Mail Code #9626
Telephone: 305 995-1971
- All entries are due on or before **Monday, February 11, 2013** at 4:30 p.m.
- Faxed entries will not be accepted.
- If there are further questions, contact Dr. Sherrilyn Scott via email at sherrilynscoott@dadeschools.net.

Contact: Dr. Sherrilyn Scott (305-995-1971)
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