

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

Category: For Your Information**Audience:** Principals/APs (Elementary)

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

Announce the 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 2015 Black History theme, "A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture."
- **2015 Black History prompt:**
As a concerned citizen that knows the power of voting, write to convince your reader why it's important to vote and how this power can be used to address community concerns (e.g. increase in youth violence). Cite specific evidence; include details to support your conclusion.
- **PRIZES (K-2):**
First, second and third place prizes are as follows:
 - 1st place – \$50 Gift Card and Framed Certificate.
 - 2nd place – \$30 Gift Cards and Framed Certificate.
 - 3rd place –\$20 Gift Cards and Framed Certificate.
- **PRIZES (3-5):**
First, second and third place prizes are as follows:
 - 1st place – \$50 Gift Card and Framed Certificate.
 - 2nd place – \$30 Gift Cards and Framed Certificate.
 - 3rd place –\$20 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, grade level, email address, phone number (cell/home), 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.
- All entries are due by 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, February 20, 2015.**
- Winners will be announced via email on or before Friday, **February 27, 2015.**
- The elementary categories are grades K-2 and 3-5.
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