

ALL SECONDARY PRINCIPALS/APs: Black History Essay Contest for Secondary Schools

Category: For Your Information

Audience: Principals/APs (Middle), Principals/APs (Senior High), All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

The Department of Social Sciences, 99 JAMZ (Cox Radio), and the United Teachers of Dade, are sponsoring the annual Black History Essay Contest for secondary students.

- The purpose of this contest is to enhance secondary school students' writing skills while promoting an awareness of the 2014 Black History theme: "Civil Rights in America."
 - 2014 Black History prompt:
The names of America's greatest advocates of social justice—Frederick Douglass, W. E. B. Du Bois, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Fanny Lou Hamer — are associated with the struggle for civil rights. Their fight underscored the purpose of passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Civil Rights Act added provisions to ban racial discrimination in employment, provided greater protection to black voters, eliminated segregation in all publicly owned facilities, and strengthened the anti-segregation clauses regarding public facilities such as lunch counters. As an advocate for social justice, identify a prejudicial/discriminating local, state, or national issue. Using that issue, write to convince your reader why it's a violation of an individual's civil rights and how it can be corrected. Cite specific evidence, and include explicit details and logical inferences to support your conclusion.
 - The secondary categories are as follows:
 - Middle School - grades 6-8; and
 - Senior High School - 9-12.
 - **PRIZES:**
 - Separate first, second and third place prizes will be awarded in the middle and senior high school categories as follows:
 - 1st place - \$200.00
 - 2nd place - \$100.00
 - 3rd place - \$50.00
 - ***BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES***
 - Essay entries must meet the following requirements:
 - Typed using a 12 pt. font size.
 - Maximum length of 500 words (2 pages).
 - Double spaced on white paper.
 - Stapled on the upper left hand corner.
 - **Include a cover sheet with the following:**
 - **Prompt typed on the cover sheet.**
 - The cover sheet must include:
 - Student's name,
 - Email address,
 - Phone number (cell/home),
 - Grade level,
 - 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, January 31, 2014.**

- **MAIL OR HAND DELIVER TO:**

- Dr. Sherrilyn Scott, Supervisor,
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- Faxed/mailed entries will not be accepted.
- All students who enter will receive a certificate of participation.
- Winners will be announced via email on or before Friday, February 7, 2014.
- First, second and third place winners will be recognized in the 2014 District Black History Program.
- The District's Annual Black History program date is **TBA**. Details will be forwarded to the schools of the first, second and third place winners at a later date. The program will be held at the SBAB Auditorium, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, FL 33132.
- If you need additional information, please contact Dr. Sherrilyn Scott, Supervisor, Department of Social Sciences via email at sherrilynsconfig@dareschools.net.

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