

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- Human Rights Essay Contest

Category: For Your Information

Audience: All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): [Human Rights Declaration- Student Friendly.doc.pdf](#)
[UN Delcaration of Human Rights.pdf](#)
[Human Rights Day Essay Contest Guidelines 2018.pdf](#)

To provide schools with information about the first annual Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences, Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Day Essay Contest.

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- The Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences, in cooperation with International Solidarity for Human Rights, <http://ishrights.org/>, and Foundations for Leadership, <https://www.foundationsforleadership.org/>, is sponsoring the first annual Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Day Essay Contest for grades 4, 5, 8, and 9.
 - The purpose of this essay contest is to promote and improve student writing abilities as well as increase student awareness and knowledge of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.
 - Human Rights Day is observed every year on December 10- the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. December 10, 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of the Declaration. For additional information, see: <http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/>.
 - First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt played a key role as chairperson of the drafting committee of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to honor her role, the essay contest has been named after her. To learn more about Eleanor Roosevelt's role in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, see: <https://www.humanrights.com/voices-for-human-rights/eleanor-roosevelt.html>.
 - **Learning Task and Essay Prompt:**
 - Have students review the United Nation's Declaration of Human Rights. See attachments for a student-friendly version and a copy of the U.N. Declaration. Have students conduct research about the importance of the Declaration and Eleanor Roosevelt's role in its creating. Then have them respond to the following prompt:
 - **Essay Prompt:** Think about the following quote from Eleanor Roosevelt: "To handle yourself, use your head, to handle others, use your heart." Write an essay providing your opinion about what the quote means and how the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights helps the world to use their hearts.
 - **Directions for Submissions:**
 - Schools are to conduct their own internal essay contest and are permitted to submit the **top two essays per grade level** (grades 4, 5, 8, or 9 only) to the District competition.
 - Schools are highly encouraged to establish a school site deadline a week prior to the District deadline for all entries to be evaluated by school personnel.
 - **Submissions are due on or before Monday, December 10, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. EST.**
 - Schools can either drop off the essays at the Department of Social Sciences, SBAB

Annex, 1501 NE 2nd Avenue, Suite 326 B, or send them via FAX, 305 995-1492.

- Please be sure to follow the guidelines for the essay contest. The guidelines are attached. Pay attention to the cover page requirements.

- **Prizes are as follows:**

- **1st place:** \$100.00 gift certificate
- **2nd place:** \$50.00 gift certificate
- **3rd place:** \$25.00 gift certificate.

- If you need information or have questions about Hispanic Heritage Month, please contact Mr. Robert Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, at rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net or see the contact information listed below.
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