

ALL ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- Women's History Month Elementary Essay Contest  
*Category: For Your Information*

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

**Due Date:** Mar 17, 2016

**Meeting Date:** n/a

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To announce the Department of Social Sciences Women's History Month Essay Contest for Elementary School students.

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- The purpose of this contest is to enhance secondary school students' writing skills while promoting an awareness of the 2016 Women's History Month theme, "Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government."
- The theme presents an opportunity to research, learn about, and honor our community's, state's, and nation's women who have demonstrated dedication to public service.
- The 2016 Women's History prompt is as follows: Think about a woman from history or from current times who you admire due to her commitment to public service. Write to convince your reader why this woman's story and positive influence serves as an exemplary person to recognize and honor during Women's History Month.
- **PRIZES:**
  - 1st place – \$50 Gift Card and a Participation Certificate;
  - 2nd place – \$30 Gift Card and Participation Certificate; and
  - 3rd place – \$20 Gift Card and Participation Certificate.
  - First, second and third place awards will be given to the top three entries for each of the following grade bands:
    - Elementary: Grades K-2
    - Elementary: Grades 3-5
- **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 centers must enter the secondary 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), school's name, principal's name, teacher's name and teacher's best phone number.
  - 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.
  - **Schools should conduct their own essay contest and submit their top two school essays to the District competition. Each school may ONLY submit two essays.**
- All entries are due by 4:30 p.m. on or before Thursday, March 17, 2016.
- Winners will be announced via email once the competition date has closed.
- Submissions may be either brought in person to: The Department of Social Sciences, SBAB Annex, 1501 NE 2nd Avenue Suite 326 or sent via FAX: 305 995-1492.
- If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, [rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net](mailto:rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net), or see the contact information below.

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