Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center’s 17th Annual Dennis Thomas

ART & WRITING CHALLENGE

Topic:
Nelson Mandela said, “A fundamental concern for others in our individual and community lives would go a long way in making the world the better place we so passionately dreamt of” and Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “Through our scientific genius we have made of the world a neighborhood; now through our moral and spiritual genius we must make of it a brotherhood.”

Let us consider the ways we can work together to celebrate the diversity of our world. Mr. Mandela speaks of "community" and Dr. King speaks of "neighborhood" and "brotherhood." Using your unique, artistic voice, create a visual and/or literary interpretation of diversity, multiculturalism, community, or brotherhood.

Ideas to Consider:
Think about ways of bringing people together. Remember a time you experienced a new culture, became friends with someone different from you, or challenged a stereotype.

NEW HIGHER AWARD AMOUNTS !!!
Middle School: 1@ $200, 2@ $100, 3 @ $75 and 4@ $50
High School: 1@ $500, 2@ $250, 3 @ $150 and 4 @ $100
Winners will be honored at an Awards Dinner on Saturday, May 10, 2014

Four Categories Available: 1) Essay 750 (middle school) or 1,000 (high school) words or less; 2) Creative Writing – poem, story or play; 3) Art – any medium; or 4) Video on DVD

Contest Rules:
1. Contest is open to all Contra Costa County students.
2. VERY IMPORTANT !!!: For all entries: Include a cover sheet with your NAME, HOME ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL, SCHOOL, GRADE, TEACHER (or teacher who informed you of the contest), TEACHER’S PHONE and EMAIL, ENTRY CATEGORY and TITLE OF WORK.
3. All writing entries are to be a maximum of 750 words (middle school) or 1,000 (high school): typed, double-spaced, with numbered pages. Please have a teacher review your writing before submitting. If possible, send the document as a .doc or .docx email attachment to WritingContest@mtdpc.org. Otherwise, send two copies by mail. Writing entries will not be returned.
4. For art entries, attach the cover sheet on the back. Arrangements will be made for art to be returned after the Awards Dinner.
5. Entries will be judged on composition, originality, depth of thought, and relationship to topic.
6. Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center reserves the right to reprint all entries.

Deadline: Postmarked or delivered by 5 p.m. Friday, April 11, 2014.

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