

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day Celebration

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*Rev. Lon Harden – President * Mrs. Rosetta Gordon, Secretary*

November 29, 2017

TO: Effingham County Schools and Community Organizations
FROM: Rev. Lon Harden, President of the Dr. MLK, Jr. Observance Day Committee
RE: Announcement of Theme, Theme Winners, and Poster/Essay Contests

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day Committee invites all students to participate in the 34th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day Celebration on Monday, January 16, 2017. This year's chosen theme is "**The Dream That Kept Hope Alive.**" Students in grades 1-5 are invited to enter the poster contest. Grades 4-5 may enter the poster contest and/or essay contest and grades 6-12, the essay contest.

The guidelines for both contests are attached. Students must respond to the following contest prompt in developing their essays.

Prompt:

Writing Situation

During his lifetime, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. became an influential civil rights leader, working with all ethnicities to identify discrimination, eliminate segregation, and promote equality. As a result, Dr. King helped to overturn America's racist laws in the 1950's and 1960's through his nonviolent approach and motivational speeches.

Directions for Writing

Write a persuasive essay convincing the reader of why you feel Dr. King was one of the most influential leaders whose dream has kept hope alive. Include three specific reasons and make sure you offer supporting details, evidence, facts, anecdotes (brief stories), etc. for your reasons and relate your reasons to the ideals and philosophies of Dr. King.

The deadline for the poster and essay contests is **Friday, December 16, 2016**. Please encourage your students to participate.

All entries may be submitted to your school, inter-office to Dr. Sandra Nethels, or mailed to the address above. Winners will be notified before Friday, December 23, 2016. If additional information is needed, please call me at (912) 772-3505 or Mrs. Rosetta Gordon at (912) 772-3061.

Awards will be presented to all contest winners during the noon-day (12:00) youth program at the Effingham County Gymnasium on Highway 119 on Monday, January 16, 2017. **Winners are encouraged to participate in the parade and attend this service** Again, please help us make all students aware of this opportunity and encourage them to participate.

Dr.
Martin
Luther
King, Jr.



Observance Day Committee Announces **Theme Winners**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day Committee extends congratulations to all contest winners and participants. Thank you so very much for your continuous support!

Congratulations!

1st Place - **“The Dream That Kept Hope Alive”**

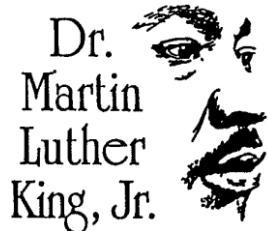
Submitted by: **Jacobi Griffin** – 7th Grade – Effingham County Middle School
Mrs. Victoria Todd, Teacher

2nd Place - **“Living the Dream in Love, Peace, and Unity”** – Kristhea Smith - 9th Grade –
Mrs. Teshewanda Shuman, Teacher at ECHS

3rd Place – **“Remember the Past So You Can Change the Future”** – Dawson Stone – 9th
Mrs. Teshewanda Shuman, Teacher at ECHS

Honorable Mention – **“Live for Change, Hope for Dreams”** – Calvin White – 9th Grade-
Mrs. Teshewanda Shuman, Teacher at ECHS

Thank you for your support.



2017 ANNUAL CELEBRATION

POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

All entries must be received on or before December 16, 2016.

Theme: “The Dream That Kept Hope Alive”

Name: _____

Age: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

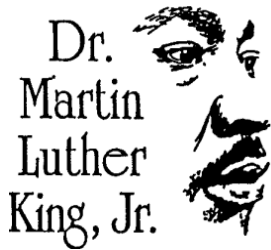
Name of Parents: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____



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**ALL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE 34TH ANNUAL POSTER & ESSAY CONTESTS.**

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

GRADES 1st – 5th – POSTER CONTEST

GRADES 4th – 12th – ESSAY CONTEST

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 16, 2016

(Please encourage your students to participate.)

SUBMIT TO: Your school or Dr. Sandra Nethels, 405 North Ash Street, Springfield, GA 31329 or mailed to the address above.

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Winners are encouraged to participate in the parade and the noon-day service.

For additional information call: (912) 772-3505 or (912) 772-3061.



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“The Dream That Kept Hope Alive”

2017 Prizes and Guidelines

Poster Contest Prizes:

Category 1: Grades 1-2

- 1st place** - Trophy, Learning game system, 1 game, sweatshirt, MLK Jr. book
2nd place - Trophy, Learning game system, 1 game, sweatshirt, 1 MLK Jr. book
3rd place - Trophy, Learning game system, 1 game, sweatshirt, 1 MLK Jr. book
Honorable Mention - Trophy, sweatshirt, MLK Jr. book

Category 2: Grades 3-5

- 1st place** - Trophy, Tablet PC system, 1 game, sweatshirt, 1 MLK Jr. book
2nd place - Trophy, eBook Reader Tablet, 1 game, sweatshirt, 1 MLK Jr. book
3rd place - Trophy, Learning game system, 1 game, sweatshirt, 1 MLK Jr. book
Honorable Mention - Trophy, sweatshirt, 1 MLK Jr. book

Theme and Essay Contests Prizes

Category 1: Elementary and Middle School

- 1st place** - Trophy, iPad, sweatshirt, 1 MLK Jr. book
2nd place - Trophy, Kindle Fire, sweatshirt, 1 MLK Jr. book
3rd place - Trophy, Kindle Reader, sweatshirt, 1 MLK Jr. book
Honorable Mention- Trophy, sweatshirt, 1 MLK Jr. book

Category 2: High School

- 1st place** - Trophy, iPad, College Prep Exam book, sweatshirt, 1 MLK Jr. book
2nd place - Trophy, Kindle Fire, College Prep Exam Book, sweatshirt, 1 MLK Jr. book
3rd place - Trophy, Kindle Reader, College Prep Exam book, sweatshirt, 1 MLK Jr. book
Honorable Mention- Trophy, College Prep Exam book, sweatshirt, 1 MLK Jr. book



Contest Prompt: *Write a persuasive essay convincing the reader of why you feel Dr. King was one of the most influential leaders whose dream has kept hope alive. Include three specific reasons and make sure you offer supporting details, evidence, facts, anecdotes (brief stories), etc. for your reasons and relate your reasons to the ideals and philosophies of Dr. King.*

Poster Contest Guidelines:

- You must be in grades 1 – 5.
- Poster must reflect contest theme:
“The Dream That Kept Hope Alive”
- Poster **must be child’s work**.
- Any medium may be used (*crayons, markers, pen and ink, paints, watercolors, pencils etc.*).
- The poster should be created on a poster board.
- Your name **MUST** be written on the back of the poster with entry form taped to it; otherwise your poster will be disqualified.
- Poster will be judged on:

• Creativity (originality)	40 points
• How well it illustrates the theme	30 points
• Proper grammar and usage	20 points
• Neatness	10 points
- All entries must be submitted on or before **December 16, 2016** to Dr. Sandra Nethels or mail to:
Dr. MLK, Jr. Education Committee, P.O. Box 222,
Guyton, Georgia 31312.

Note: Posters will be available for pick up at the dismissal of the Noon Day Service. Posters will be discarded unless arrangements are made for pickup.

Essay Contest Guidelines:

- You must be in grades 4 - 12.
- Essay must be original and reflect the **contest prompt**.
- Essay should consist of at least 1 page – double-spaced (approximately 250 words).
- Essay **must be typed**.
- Essay should be submitted on **8 1/2 x 11 paper**.
- The cover sheet must contain student’s name, school, home phone number, parent or guardian’s name, and address. No other information should be included in the body of the essay. **Do Not** put your name on your essay. Essays will be judged anonymously.
- Essay will be judged on:

• Content (Originality and Creativity) Ideas	30 points
• How well it addresses the prompt – Organ.	30 points
• Proper grammar and usage – Conventions	20 points
• Effective Expression – Style/Voice	20 points
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Note: Essays will not be returned.