

Dr. MLK, Jr. Observance Day Celebration

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Rev. Lon Harden – President * Ms. Rosetta Gordon - Secretary

November 28, 2022

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

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day Committee would like to invite all students to participate in the 40th Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Observance Day Celebration. Students in grades 1 – 5 are invited to enter the poster contest while students in grades 6 – 12 are invited to enter the essay contest.

This year's chosen theme is “**Dr. King's Dream: Securing Hope for Our Future.**” The guidelines for both contests are attached.

Note: 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.

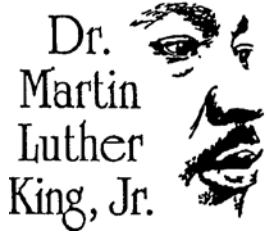
Directions for Writing

Write a persuasive essay convincing the reader why you feel “**Dr. King's Dream Secures Hope for Our Future.**” 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, 2022**. Please encourage your students to participate.

All entries may be submitted to your school, sent via interoffice mail to Dr. Sandra Nethels. Winners will be announced on **Wednesday, January 4, 2023**. If additional information is needed, please call the Rev. Lon Harden at (912) 772–3505 or Ms. Rosetta Gordon at (912) 772-3061.

Awards will be presented to all contest winners during the noonday (12:00) program on **Monday, January 16, 2023**. **Winners are encouraged to attend this service and participate in the parade.**



2023 ANNUAL CELEBRATION

POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

All entries must be received on or before December 16, 2022.

Theme: “Dr. King's Dream: Securing Hope for Our Future”

Name: _____

Age: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

T-Shirt Size _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____



2023 POSTER CONTEST GUIDELINES

Poster Contest Rules:

1. You must be 6 - 11 years of age or in the first through fifth grades.
2. Poster must reflect the contest theme:
 - **“Dr. King's Dream: Securing Hope for Our Future”**
 - **“Dr. King’s Dream: Lighting the Way Towards Equality for All”**
 - **“A Daring Dream That Will Change Generations”**
 - **“Together in Unity, We're Embracing the Power to Change”**
3. Poster must be child’s work.
4. Any medium may be used (crayons, markers, pen and ink, paints, watercolors, pencils etc.).
5. The poster should be created on a poster board.
6. Your name MUST be written on the back in the upper right-hand corner of the poster with the entry form attached with tape, otherwise your poster will be disqualified. NO glue, please!
7. Posters will be judged on:
 - Creativity (Originality – Child’s Work) **40 points**
 - How well the theme is illustrated **30 points**
 - Proper grammar and usage **20 points**
 - Neatness **10 points**
8. Winners will be selected from **two groups** (grades 1-2 and grades 3-5).

Note: All entries must be received on or before December 16, 2022.



2023 ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES

Essay Contest Rules:

1. You must be 9 - 18 years of age or in 4th through 12th grades to submit an essay.
2. Essay must be an original response to the contest prompt:

Write a persuasive essay convincing the reader why you feel

“Dr. King's Dream Secures Hope for Our Future.”

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.

Writing Situation

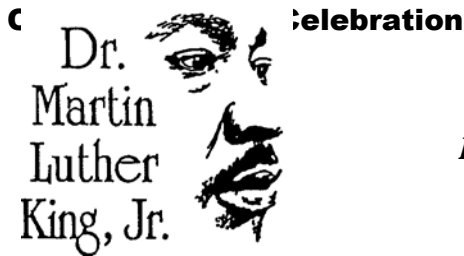
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3. Essay should consist of at least one page, double-spaced (approximately 250 words). Pages must be numbered, if more than one page.
4. Essay **must be typed**.
5. Essay should be submitted on **8 1/2 x 11 paper**.
6. The entry form must be attached to essay which includes student's name, school, home & cell phone numbers, parents' or guardians' names, and home & email addresses. Neither the student's name nor any other information should be included in the body of the essay.
 - *Note: Do NOT* put your name on your essay.

(Essays will be judged anonymously).

7. Essays will be judged on:
 - Content (Includes originality and creativity) **30 points (Ideas)**
 - How well it responds to the prompt **30 points (Organization)**
 - Proper grammar and usage **20 points (Conventions)**
 - Effective expression **20 points (Style/Voice)**
8. Winners will be selected from **two groups** (grades 6-8, and grades 9-12).

**Note: Essays will not be returned. Please make a copy for your records.*



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**MLK OBSERVANCE DAY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES
POSTER & ESSAY CONTESTS**

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

GRADES 1st – 5th: POSTER CONTEST

GRADES 6th – 12th: ESSAY CONTEST

**Theme: “Dr. King's Dream: Securing Hope for Our
Future”**

DEADLINE: December 16, 2022

(Please encourage your students to participate.)

SUBMIT TO: Your school or Dr. Sandra Nethels,
405 North Ash Street
Springfield, GA 31329

Notification of Winners: **January 4, 2023.**

Recognition and Awards:
Monday, January 16, 2023
Noonday (12:00PM) Program

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