



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

2024 Prodigies for Peace Writing and Art Contest Info Sheet

To: Our local schools, students, and parents:

The Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee is proud to announce the 23rd annual Prodigies for Peace Writing and Art Contest for the Snohomish County Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration in January 2024.

The **Prodigies for Peace** Writing and Art Contest helps students draw connections between the people and the events that shaped the civil rights movement and the social issues that influence their lives today. Participation in this contest helps our local community remember and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.!

There are five separate contest categories:

- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-12
- Grades K-12 Art Contest

See the attached pages for contest writing assignments and art contest. The contest instructions and entry for grades 3-5 is on one page. Grades 6-8 and 9-12 are combined on one page.

Essay entries are to be scanned and emailed to bethannlucas@hotmail.com by **December 15, 2023** or mailed to Beth Lucas, 2315 W Mukilteo Blvd., Everett, WA 98203. Art entries may be scanned or mailed to Beth Lucas using the address listed. **Art and essays mailed must be postmarked no later than December 20, 2023.**

Awards for students:

- First, second and third place essay winners for each grade writing category will be recognized at the Black Heritage Committee's MLK Community Celebration on Sunday, January 14, 2024.
- First, second and third place art winners for each grade group will be recognized at the Black Heritage Committee's MLK Community Celebration on Sunday, January 14, 2024.
- Winning art entries will be displayed at the event celebration.
- All award winners will be submitted for publication in *The Everett Herald* and *Snohomish Tribune*.

Questions? Please contact Beth Lucas at 425-876-2530 or bethannlucas@hotmail.com.





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Cover Sheet for Entries 2024 Prodigies for Peace Writing & Art Contest

Due: Friday, December 15, 2023

ESSAY ENTRIES

Must be **scanned and emailed by December 15, 2023** to the Snohomish County Black heritage Committee at bethannlucas@hotmail.com. If mailed, it must be **postmarked by December 20, 2023** to the address below.

ART ENTRIES

Entries may be scanned or mailed to the Black Heritage Committee at the address below and **postmarked no later than December 20, 2023** (or contact Beth Lucas at bethannlucas@hotmail.com or 425-876-2530 to make arrangement for delivery).

Beth Lucas
2315 W. Mukilteo Blvd.
Everett, WA 98203-1515

School: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade group (select one): 3-5 6-8 9-12 K-12 Art Contest

of essays: _____

of art entries: _____

Contest deadline is Friday, December 15, 2023. This form may be copied for student, parent and teacher use.





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2024 Prodigies for Peace Writing Contest Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12

Rev. Dr. Martin King, Jr. said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Please write an essay on the following question:

Dr. King gave his "I Have a Dream" speech on August 28, 1963, 60 years ago, and still there are times of challenge and controversy from education to equity under the law. With all the challenges and controversies of today, where do you stand and how would you make that stand known?

Background and instructions:

Consider how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy affected the civil rights and other important issues of all Americans. During the 1963 March on Washington, Dr. King spoke of his dreams that *"one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.'"* His message was to reach all people to overcome the fear and hate that creates inequity and injustice – what is your message of making his dream a reality?

Scan and email your Essay Contest Entry to the Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee's Prodigies for Peace at bethannlucas@hotmail.com **no later than December 15, 2023**. Entries may be typed or handwritten and should include the following in the upper right-hand corner of the first page:

- Name | Phone Number
- School | Teacher | Grade

Word Limit:

Grades 6-8:	minimum: 250 words	maximum: 750 words
Grades 9-12:	minimum: 500 words	maximum: 1,000 words

Contest Deadline: No later than Friday, December 15, 2023

Note: Although the question is the same for both grade groups, there will be separate contest winners for grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. **Contest deadline is Friday, December 15, 2023.** This form may be copied for student, parent and teacher use.





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2024 Prodigies for Peace Writing Contest for Grades 3-5 “My Dream Is ...”

Name: _____ Phone number: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ Teacher: _____

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream,
His dream was: _____

I have a dream, too. A dream I have for:

Me: _____

My Family: _____

My School: _____

My Community: _____

My Environment: _____

My World: _____

Return Essay Contest entry by email to bethannlucas@hotmail.com. Contest deadline is Friday,
December 15, 2023. This form may be copied for student, parent and teacher use.





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2024 Prodigies for Peace Art Contest Grades Kindergarten through 12th grade

Through any medium (drawing, painting, sculpting ...) you wish to use, please create an art piece that reflects your artistic vision of Dr. King's dream coming true in our country through your eyes.

This year's theme is Dr. King's message we need to go from our individual concerns to the concerns of all humanity.

All art entries will be grouped into the following student age categories:

- Grades K – 2
- Grades 3 – 5
- Grades 6 – 8
- Grades 9 – 12

We ask that all drawing, paintings, etc. not be larger than 11" x 14" and **have the artist's name, age and school on the front of each art piece.**

Art Contest entries may be scanned and emailed or mailed to the address below and **postmarked no later than December 20, 2023** (or contact Beth Lucas at bethannlucas@hotmail.com or 425-876-2530 to make arrangement for delivery).

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Everett, WA 98203-1515

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