



## ***Response/Action Required***

November 10, 2023

To: All Administrators and Directors  
From: Joi Odom Grant, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion  
Regarding: **2023 Dr. MLK Prodigies for Peace Essay & Art Contest**

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### ***Prodigies for Peace Essay & Art Contest.***

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

The ***Prodigies for Peace*** Writing 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 [link](#) for contest writing assignments and art contest.**

**Essay and Art entries** are to be *scanned* and *emailed* to [bethannlucas@hotmail.com](mailto:bethannlucas@hotmail.com) by **December 15, 2023** or mailed to Beth Lucas, SCB NAACP, 2315 W Mukilteo Blvd, Everett WA 98203-1515, **post marked no later than December 20, 2023.**

### **Awards for Students:**

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd 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.
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place art winners for grade group will be recognized at the Black Heritage Committee's MLK Community Celebration on Sunday, January 14, 2024.
- All winning art entries will be displayed at the event celebration.
- Award Winners will be posted in The Everett Herald and Snohomish Tribune.

**Questions?** Please call Beth Lucas at 425-876-2530 or e-mail: [bethannlucas@hotmail.com](mailto:bethannlucas@hotmail.com)

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Please share this information with your staff, students, and families.

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**Peter Scott**