

Regional Update

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Department



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.

Peace for Prodigies Reminder

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[Click here to learn more!](#)

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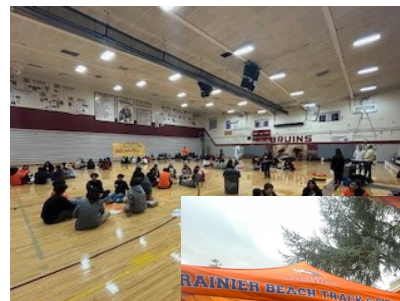
Sponsored Student Field Trips

Black Expo

17 EPS high school students attended Seattle's annual Black College Expo! This was an incredible opportunity our students who identified as Black or African American to meet over 50 different colleges, attend seminars, and more. We were delighted to hear that one of our very own students was admitted on the spot!

La Chispa!

118 students from Evergreen Middle School to participated in La Chispa! La Chispa is an engaging bilingual (English-Spanish) program for middle school students who identify as Latinx committed to building student's self confidence, strengthening their cultural identity, and increasing their academic success.

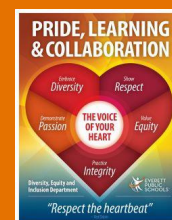


Natural Leaders

Our Natural Leaders programs across the district have been making their presence known in their school community by hosting informational tables at their back to school nights, curriculum nights, and during conference week. As well as hosting their annual informational meet and greets to recruit new Natural Leaders families into the program and volunteering in their schools.

At the district level, our program hosted our first annual Natural Leaders kick-off event and volunteer orientation facilitated in Spanish!

[Visit the website to stay up to date!](#)



PIZZA NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 18TH

Jefferson Elementary Cafeteria, 6-7pm

LEARN ABOUT NATURAL LEADERS,
A COMMUNITY OF FAMILIES FROM DIVERSE
BACKGROUNDS, GATHERING TO CONNECT WITH EACH
OTHER AND WITH OUR SCHOOL.