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Prodigies for Peace celebrates the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Students share their dreams for the nation through words and art

"On the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of his dreams for our nation. 50 years later, 'What are your dreams for this nation, and how would you suggest the nation achieve them?"

That is the question students reflected upon this year in the annual *Prodigies for Peace* competition. Students stepped up to the challenge of crafting essays or creating art that answered this year's question.

The <u>Prodigies for Peace</u> writing and art contest helps students draw connections between people and events that shaped the civil rights movement and the social issues that continue to influence their lives today.

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Whittier Elementary School

Essay contests winners for grades 3-5
Naomi DeLashmutt, 2nd place

View Ridge Elementary School

Essay contests winners for grades 3-5

<u>Taylor Jones, 3rd place</u>

Art Contest winners for elementary school
<u>Samantha Fozard, Honorable Mention</u>
<u>Jaelyn Pratt, Honorable Mention</u>

Heatherwood Middle School

Art Contest winners for middle school
Sheridan Lahn, 1st place
Lauren Schillberg, 2nd place
Jordyn Carter, 3rd place
Amie Anderegg, Honorable Mention
Kelly Boal, Honorable Mention
Rebecca Johnson, Honorable Mention
Jadelin Queen, Honorable Mention

"Students who take part in this competition not only showcase their creative and academic skills," explained Superintendent Gary Cohn. "They are helping each of us and our communities remember and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." On March 10, the school board will recognize each of these students for their work in this competition.

