



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration SNOHOMISH COUNTY

2016 *Prodigies for Peace* Writing Contest Info Sheet

To: Our local Schools, Students, and Parents:

The Snohomish County NAACP is proud to announce the 15th annual ***Prodigies for Peace*** Writing Contest for the Fifteenth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration and Snohomish County NAACP Black History Month Celebration in January and February 2016.

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 pages for contest writing assignments and art contest. Return all entries to the Everett Mayor's Office (2930 Wetmore Avenue, 10th Floor), attention Carol Thomas, **no later than 5 p.m., February 5, 2016.** The contest entry for Grades 3-5 is on one page. The instructions for the contest for Grades 6-8 and 9-12 are combined on one page.

Awards for Students:

- 1st Place Winners for each grade writing category will be recognized at the SCB NAACP Black History Celebration event on February 24, 2016 and will receive awards.
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place art winners for grade group will be recognized at the SCB NAACP Black History Celebration on February 24, 2016 and will receive awards.
- Art winners will be displayed at the event celebration with one drawing to be used in next year's celebration.
- Award Winners will be posted in The Everett Herald.

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

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Cover Sheet for Entries for the
2016 Prodigies for Peace Writing & Art Contest

Due: 5 p.m., Friday, February 5, 2016

Return Writing and Art Contest Entry (mail, fax, or in person) to Carol Thomas at the City of Everett.

Everett Mayor's Office
2930 Wetmore – 10th Floor
Everett, WA 98201
425-257-8687
425-257-8729 Fax
Attention: Carol Thomas

School: _____

Teacher: _____

Age Group: _____

of Essays: _____

of Art Entries: _____

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2016 Prodigies for Peace Writing Contest Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12

Please write an essay on the following question:

Rev. Dr. Martin King Jr. wrote in his "Letter from Birmingham Jail":

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. All men are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.... **I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be, and you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be...**"

What do you need to be in order for others to be what they need to be in order to have justice for everyone?

Background and Instructions:

Consider how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy affected the civil rights and other important issues of all Americans. Over 50 years ago in 1963 during the March on Washington, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 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 method was with nonviolent protest. Do you think that peaceful nonviolent protest is still an effective method to bring social justice to all?

Return your Contest Entry to the Everett Mayor's Office, (2930 Wetmore Avenue, 10th Floor, Everett 98201), attention Carol Thomas. Entries may be typed or handwritten and should include: Name, Phone Number, School, Teacher, and Grade. This information should be on the upper right hand corner of the first page of the entry.

Word Limit:

Grades 6-8:	minimum: 250 words	maximum: 750 words
Grades 9-12:	minimum: 500 words	maximum: 1,000 words
Adult 18 & over:	minimum: 500 words	maximum: 1,250 words

Contest Deadline: No later than 5 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2016

Note: Although the question is the same for both grade groups, there will be separate contest winners for Grade 6-8 and for Grade 9-12.

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2016 Prodigies for Peace Writing Contest for Grades 3-5

"My Dream Is..."

Name _____ Phone number _____ Grade _____

School _____ Teacher _____

Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream.

His dream was _____

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

Myself _____

My Family _____

My School _____

My Community _____

My Environment _____

My World _____

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2016 Prodigies for Peace Art Contest **Grades Kindergarten through 12**

This year's theme is what dreams do you have for our nation.

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.

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

- K through 2
- 3 through 5
- 6 through 8
- 9 through 12

We ask that all drawings, 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.

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