



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

### **2017 *Prodigies for Peace* Writing Contest Info Sheet**

**To: Our local Schools, Students, and Parents:**

The Snohomish County NAACP is proud to announce the 16<sup>th</sup> annual ***Prodigies for Peace*** Writing Contest for the Sixteenth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration and Snohomish County NAACP Black History Month Celebration in January and February 2017.

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 School District Community Resource Center (3900 Broadway, Everett), attention SCB NAACP Prodigies for Peace, no later than 4:30 p.m., February 10, 2017. Essay entries may be scanned and emailed to [secretary@naACP-snoco.org](mailto:secretary@naACP-snoco.org) by February 4, 2017. 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:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners for each grade writing category will be recognized at the SCB NAACP Black History Celebration event on February 22, 2017 at the Carl Gipson Senior Center and will receive awards.
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place art winners for grade group will be recognized at the SCB NAACP Black History Celebration on February 22, 2017 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](mailto:bethannlucas@hotmail.com)**

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## Cover Sheet for Entries for the 2017 Prodigies for Peace Writing & Art Contest

**Due: 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 10, 2017**

Return Writing and Art Contest Entry (mail or in person) to SCB NAACP Prodigies for Peace at the Everett School District Community Resource Center or scan and email essays only to email address below.

Everett School District  
Community Resource Center  
3900 Broadway  
Everett, WA 98201  
Attention: SCB NAACP

Or scanned and emailed to:  
[secretary@naacp-snoco.org](mailto:secretary@naacp-snoco.org)

School: \_\_\_\_\_

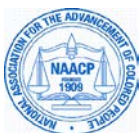
Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_


Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Essays: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Art Entries: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2017 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 ***"The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you may murder the liar, but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth. Through violence you may murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate. So it goes. Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."***

What is your message to your peers that would empower them to overcome the messages today of violence and hatred to create a world where all lives matter?

#### **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.'" How would you build upon his message to reach all Americans today?

Return your Contest Entry to the Everett School District Community Resource Center, (3900 Broadway, Everett 98201), attention SCB NAACP Prodigies for Peace or scanned and emailed to [secretary@naacp-snoco.org](mailto:secretary@naacp-snoco.org). 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.

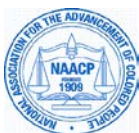
#### **Word Limit:**

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

**Contest Deadline: No later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2017**

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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## 2017 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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### **2017 Prodigies for Peace Art Contest Grades Kindergarten through 12**

This year's theme is what dreams do you have for our nation by spreading Dr. King's message that love will overcome hate.

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.

*Return Contest Entry to the Everett School District Community Resource Center, (3900 Broadway, Everett 98201) attention SCB NAACP Prodigies for Peace.*

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