



October 15, 2016

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION  
MINORITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Dear PGCEA Reps, Classroom Teachers, English/Reading/Language Arts Teachers, Reading Specialists, Art Teachers, and Professional School Counselors:

The Prince George's County Educators' Association (PGCEA) is sponsoring an essay and poster contest to challenge students to increase their awareness of the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as they develop and sharpen their public speaking and artistic skills. **Six prizes of \$100.00 will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place entries. Six prizes of \$50.00 will be awarded for 2<sup>nd</sup> place entries.**

PGCEA requests your support in encouraging your students' participation in our contest. Winners will be recognized and awarded during our **annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration program, Thursday, January 12, 2017 at Kingsford Elementary School.** Winners will read their essays and display their posters.

We appreciate your assistance and active support in promoting participation in this contest.

Sincerely,

**The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee**

Annett Jones, PGCEA Minority Affairs Committee Co-Chairperson  
Olive Lennox, PGCEA Minority Affairs Committee Co-Chairperson

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY AND POSTER CONTEST RULES**

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay and Poster Contest is open to all Prince George's County Public School students in **grades three through twelve (3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)**. Six winning essays and Six winning posters will be selected. Each **1<sup>st</sup> place** winner will receive a **\$100** prize. Each **2<sup>nd</sup> place** winner will receive a **\$50** prize. A total of twelve prizes will be given.

**ESSAY CONTEST RULES**

1. The essay must be at least 150 words, but shall not exceed 250 words.
2. Entries must be typed and double-spaced.
3. Only one entry per student will be considered.
4. All contestants must write their essays on the following topic:  
**Compare and Contrast the violence in society during the civil rights movement of Dr. King's era and the violence in society of today?**
5. All entries become the property of the Prince George's County Educators' Association (PGCEA) including the right to reproduce them. Winners will be contacted by telephone, mail or e-mail.
6. All essay entries must include the attached entry form, additional forms are on the PGCEA website [www.pgcea.org](http://www.pgcea.org). Entries submitted without the required entry form cannot be accepted. The contest entry form must be signed by one of the following: *Reading/English/Language Arts Teacher, Classroom Teacher, Reading Specialist, Professional School Counselor, or TAG Coordinator*.
7. Essays will be judged on originality of thought and clarity of message. They will be judged by members of the PGCEA Minority Affairs Committee. Decision of the judges will be final.
8. All entries must be sent to PGCEA via U.S. mail. Entries must be *postmarked no later than **December 13, 2016***. Entries postmarked after **December 13, 2016** will be returned to the student. Entries delivered by the PONY will **NOT** be accepted.
9. Mail entries early.

**POSTER CONTEST RULES**

1. All poster entries should be: 18"X 24".
2. Poster contestants will choose a **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. quote** to illustrate and bring to life. The quote should appear on the poster. **Please attach your entry form to the back of the poster.**
3. Only one entry per student will be considered.
4. All entries become the property of the Prince George's County Educators' Association (PGCEA) including the right to reproduce them. Winners will be contacted by telephone, mail or e-mail.
5. All **poster** entries must include the attached entry form, additional forms are on the PGCEA website [www.pgcea.org](http://www.pgcea.org). Entries submitted without the required entry form attached to the back of the poster cannot be accepted. The contest entry form must be signed by one of the following: Art Teacher, TAG Coordinator, Classroom Teacher, Professional School Counselor or Reading/Language Arts /English Teacher or Reading Specialist.
6. **Posters** will be judged on creativity and originality. They will be judged by members of the PGCEA Minority Affairs Committee. The decision of the judges will be final.
7. All entries must be delivered to: PGCEA MAC, 8008 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD 20747. Entries must be delivered **no later than December 13, 2016**. Entries delivered by the PONY will **NOT** be accepted
8. Please deliver poster entries as early as possible.

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY AND POSTER ENTRY FORM**

For

**THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION**

**JANUARY 12, 2017**

**THIS FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO ALL ENTERIES  
PLEASE SELECT YOUR ENTRY. YOU MAY ONLY CHOOSE ONE.**

**ESSAY CONTEST**

**POSTER CONTEST**

**ESSAY -TOPIC FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES THREE THROUGH TWELVE:**

**Compare and Contrast the violence in society during the civil rights movement of Dr. King's era to the violence in society today.**

**This quote should appear on the essay.**

**POSTER-THE DR. KING QUOTE THAT YOU CHOOSE TO ILLUSTRATE SHOULD APPEAR ON THE POSTER. Attach this entry form to the back of the poster.**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name and Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print legibly)

School \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

School Principal \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be signed by one of the following:**

**Classroom Teacher, English/Reading/Language Arts Teacher, Reading Specialist, Professional School Counselor or Tag Coordinator**

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

All entries must be **postmarked** or **delivered** by **December 13, 2016**. Photocopies of this form are acceptable. Mail the essay entries to **PGCEA, 8008 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD 20747, ATTN: MAC. Deliver your poster** entries to the same address. **PONY delivered entries not accepted.**