

2013-2014 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ART & WRITING

General Contest Guidelines

The theme for the 2013-2014 contest “**Leaving a Legacy: Realizing the Dream**” should be reflected in the student’s work. There are two categories of participation- **Visual Arts** and **Writing**. The contest is open to all elementary, middle, and high school students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Individual elementary schools may select **one** art and **one** writing entry at each grade band (K-2 and 3-5; for a **total** of **two** per elementary school) for submission in the district-wide contest. Individual Middle and High schools may select **three** writing entries per school and **three** art entries **per** art teacher.

DIVISIONS FOR ART AND WRITING CONTESTS:

Elementary Schools (K-2), Elementary Schools (3-5), Middle Schools (6-8) and High Schools (9-12)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

- **October 7, 2013** – Contest begins.
- **By November 29, 2013** - Schools hold individual judging to determine school-wide art and writing winners. *Schools submissions exceeding the guidelines will result in **all** entries being disqualified.*
 - Middle and High School - choose **3** winners per school (writing) and **3** winners per art teacher (art)
 - Elementary – choose **1** art and **1** writing K-2 winners and **1** art and **1** writing 3-5 winners
- **December 9, 2013 - Deadline for contest submissions**
 - **Please refer to submission guidelines**
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- **December 10-12, 2013- DISTRICT-WIDE JUDGING** – All entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges. Judges will select first place, second place, third place, and honorable mention winners for each grade band in both the art and writing categories.
- **January 16, 2014** – CMS MLK, Jr. Awards Ceremony – West Charlotte High School, 6pm-8:30pm: All school based winners are invited. District winners will be announced at the ceremony.
- **SCHOOL JUDGING** –
 - Art judging should be based on evidence of creative ability and artistic expression of the theme.
 - Writing judging should be based on adherence to the theme and the rhetorical mode (argumentative or expository) chosen by the student.
 - Schools should use the district-provided rubric to score all writing entries.
 - It is recommended each school appoint a panel of judges to select ***the appropriate number of winning entries for the school.***
 - The school’s panel of judges should consist of a variety of individuals (i.e. two teachers, two parents, and an administrator)