2018-2019 JCTA Human & Civil Rights Committee

MLK Jr Diversity Contest Rules:

***Any work not including the following, will not be considered***

1. Entries will be judged on how well they reflect this year’s themes:
   - Elementary (K-3, 4-5, ECE): “The time is always right to do what is right.”
   - Middle School (6-8, ECE) / High School (9-12, ECE): “We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back.”
2. Each teacher may submit up to 5 entries per category.
3. Each category will be judged in the following areas: Primary (K-3), Intermediate (4-5), Middle (6-8), High (9-12) and ECE (Primary Elementary, Intermediate Elementary, Middle, High)
4. Each entry must include TWO completed cover sheets.
5. Entries must be submitted to the JCTA Office no later than Friday, November 30 @ 5:00 pm.

Performance Criteria:

- Performance entries are to be original in nature and can be no more than 5 minutes in length.
- All entries must be submitted via youtube link.
- Judging Criteria:
  - Content: Cohesive, adheres to theme
  - Vocal: Enunciation/volume; expression (rhythm/intonation)
  - Physical/Facial: Emotion; Costume/dress; gestures (natural); stance
  - Creativity: Interpretation of subject; Unique vision

Visual Arts Criteria:

- Visual Arts entries may be in the form of a poster, painting, sculpture, diorama, shadow box, etc.
- Works must be original; no copies, stencils or clip art.
- Judging Criteria:
  - Content: Cohesive, adheres to theme
  - Media: Unity of parts, neat and clean
  - Style: Line, Balance, Composition, Color
  - Creativity: Interpretation of Theme, Unique Vision

Writing Criteria:

- Writing entries may be in the form of an original non-fiction essay, fictional prose or poem.
- Writing entries must comply with the JCPS writing rubric.
- Writing entries may be typed or handwritten on white, 8 ½ x 11 paper
- Judging Criteria:
  - Content: adheres to theme, specific examples
  - Mechanics: capitalization, punctuation, grammar, spelling
  - Style/Usage: Diction (choice of words-specific and concrete), Transitions within and between paragraphs, Clarity of Thought
  - Creativity: Interpretation of theme; Unique vision
  - Length: K-1 (min. 50 words); 2-5 (no more than 2 pages); 6-8 and 9-12 (500-1,000 words; 1-2 pages)

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