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2019 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Elementary School Oratory Contest

Theme: Remaining Awake through a Great Revolution

Overview: Macomb County elementary students are invited to submit a video recording of their recitation of a passage adapted from a speech of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968 titled "Remaining Awake through a Great Revolution."

Rules and Regulations

- I. Eligibility – Elementary school students in Macomb County
- II. Time Limitation – A time limit of two minutes will be permitted for orations.
- III. Presentation of Oration
 - a. Contestant will record a delivery of the passage from memory or using notes/prompts.
 - b. Contestant will introduce herself/himself by stating in complete sentences: "Judges, Ladies and Gentlemen, my name is..."
 1. Name (first and last) and age
 2. Teacher and grade
 3. School and City
- IV. Deadline for submissions – Monday, December 3, 2018
- V. Contestants must upload a video recording of the oration to the Internet (e.g., YouTube) and email the link and contact information (name, phone number, school, teacher's name and email address) to smcbrady@misd.net.
- VI. The teacher/parent is permitted to assist the contestant during the preparation and with the video recording of the speech, however teachers/parents should avoid offering prompts and assistance in the delivery of the speech.
- VII. Contestants will be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - A. Accuracy
 - B. Composure (self-confidence, audience appeal)
 - C. Voice quality (audibility, articulation, inflection of voice)
 - D. Posture and physical dynamics (proper use of gestures)
 - E. Observance of time limit
- VIII. The decision of the judges is final.
- IX. Finalists will be contacted by Friday, Jan. 4, 2019



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Prizes

- Finalists will receive 3 tickets to the 2019 MLK Holiday Celebration the evening of January 21, 2019 at Dakota High School.
- The winner will perform the recitation live at the 2019 MLK Holiday Celebration.
- The winner will be featured in a press release.
- The winning student will receive a pizza party for his/her entire class at school, sponsored by Bea's Beginnings and Moms of Macomb (MOM).

Understanding of Publication: All contest materials are the property of the ICRJ and the MLK Holiday Celebration of Macomb County. By submitting a video, you confirm that you understand that your video, whether a winning entry or not, may be used by ICRJ in whole or in part, royalty free, in any printed or electronic media and in promotional materials, including fundraising and online publications.

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Passage for recital (*Excerpted and adapted from Dr. King's speech delivered at the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C., on 31 March 1968. Congressional Record, 9 April 1968.*)

A great revolution is taking place in the world today, and I would like to deal with the challenges we face.

First, we are challenged to develop a world perspective. No individual can live alone, no nation can live alone, and anyone who feels that he can live alone is sleeping through a revolution. The world is geographically one. The challenge that we face today is to make it one in terms of brotherhood.

Secondly, we are challenged to eradicate racial injustice. I can see nothing more urgent than for America to work passionately to get rid of the disease of racism that poisons us all.

Thirdly, we are challenged to rid our nation and the world of poverty. There is nothing new about poverty. What is new is that we now have the resources to get rid of poverty. The real question is whether we have the will.

One other challenge we face is finding an alternative to war. Anyone who feels that war can solve the problems facing mankind is sleeping through a great revolution.

We have difficult days ahead in the struggle for justice and peace, but I will not yield. I'm determined to make America the truly great America that it is called to be.