



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

2018 *Prodigies for Peace* Writing Contest Info Sheet

To: Our local Schools, Students, and Parents:

The Snohomish County NAACP is proud to announce the 17th annual *Prodigies for Peace* Writing Contest for the Snohomish County MLK Day and NAACP Black History Month Celebration in January and February 2018.

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 9, 2018. Essay entries may be scanned and emailed to secretary@naacp-snoco.org by February 5, 2018. 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:

- 1st Place Winners for each grade writing category will be recognized at the SCB NAACP Black History Celebration event on February 21, 2018 at the Carl Gipson Senior Center and will receive awards.
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place art winners for grade group will be recognized at the SCB NAACP Black History Celebration on February 21, 2018 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

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**Cover Sheet for Entries for the
2018 Prodigies for Peace Writing & Art Contest**

Due: 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 9, 2018

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

School: _____

Teacher: _____

Age Group: _____

of Essays: _____

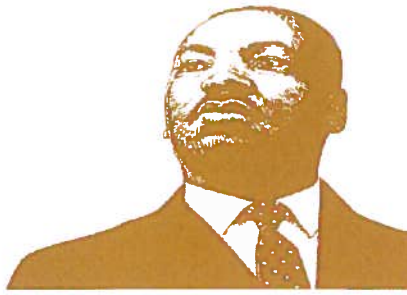
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2018 Prodigies for Peace Writing Contest Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12

Please write an essay on the following question:

Rev. Dr. Martin King Jr. wrote *"People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other."*

Fear and hate create inequality and injustice, what would be your message to others in how to overcome the fear and hate?

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 people today to overcome the fear and hate that creates inequality and injustice?

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. 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 9, 2018

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.

Please copy for students, children, or teachers.

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2018 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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Return Contest Entry to the Everett School District Community Resource Center, (3900 Broadway, Everett 98201) attention Beth Lucas. Contest Deadline: No later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2018. Please copy for students, children, or teachers.

2018 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 and fear.

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.

Contest Deadline: No later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 8, 2018.

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