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2009 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ESSAY CONTEST

CATEGORIES

- *4TH & 5TH GRADERS
- *6TH, 7TH, 8TH GRADERS
- *9TH-12TH GRADERS

AWARDS

AWARDED TO 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE IN EACH OF THE THREE CATEGORIES. ALL NINE RECIPIENTS WILL BE FEATURED ON THE JANUARY 17 EPISODE OF KIDTALK HONORING DR. KING.

**DUE DATE
ESSAY WITH
COMPLETED ENTRY
FORM MUST BE
RECEIVED AT WAVY TV
BY TUESDAY,
JANUARY 6, 2009.**

FORMAT

ESSAYS MUST BE 500 WORDS OR LESS TYPED AND DOUBLE-SPACED OR PRINTED (HANDWRITTEN) ON STANDARD PAPER. NO REPORT COVERS OR COVER SHEETS.

IMPORTANT! NO NAME SHOULD APPEAR ON THE FRONT OF THE ESSAY. STUDENTS SHOULD INCLUDE ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE REGISTRATION FORM FOUND ON THE KIDTALK PAGE AT WAVY.COM.

ESSAYS WILL BE JUDGED ON CONTENT, CLARITY, THEME AND MECHANICS.

In recognition and honor of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., WAVY TV and KIDTALK are sponsoring the KIDTALK 2009 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest. This is a way for the young people of Hampton Roads to continue to find meaning and relevance in the legacy of Dr. King.

Winners will be invited to appear on KidTalk to read from their essays and participate in the show focusing on the work of Dr. King. We invite teachers to engage their students and encourage participation in this contest.

THEME

Dr. King's Dream Realized? As the United States prepares for the inauguration of President Elect Barack Obama, how do you feel the nation is moving toward or away from Dr. King's dream? Students should demonstrate familiarity with Dr. King's work. They should understand what Dr. King valued and preached and discuss the impact of the recent election on the future of Dr. King's dream. Well-written essays will demonstrate informed insights as well as motivational elements.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

BY EMAIL: Submit essays and entry form as document attachments to Stephanie.cooke@wavy.com. Include ESSAY SUBMISSION in the subject line of the email. **BY MAIL:** Submit essays and entry forms to ESSAY CONTEST, Attn: Stephanie Cooke, WAVY TV, 300 WAVY Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704.

By submitting, participants grant WAVY TV the right to reproduce essays for publicity purposes. For More Information on the KIDTALK 2009 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY CONTEST, contact Stephanie Cooke at Stephanie.cooke@wavy.com.