

Centennial Celebration

Celebrating 100 years of our Court's History

GUIDELINES FOR SPEECH CONTEST

To broaden students' knowledge of our court's history and knowledge of the court system; to encourage students in their oral presentation; and to recognize publicly some of the best student orators in participating Miami-Dade County schools.

ELIGIBILITY:

Full-time students in 7th grade participating middle school civics classes.

CONTEST GUIDELINES:

1. The speech must be the student's own work. Assistance may be provided in the form of suggestions from peers or adults, but the presenter must attest to the fact that the speech was written solely by him or her and the presentation must be done by the student.
2. The speech may be no more than three minutes.
3. Students will do live speech in front of teacher and the school will then be responsible for videotaping on dvd/flash and submitting it to us.
4. The speech must be presented in the author's own words. The speech must be presented in DVD or flash drive format.
5. The author's name and school must be on a separate sheet of paper, along with the title of the speech, clipped (not stapled) to the form. (It will be coded and removed before the speech is judged.)
6. Deadline: Speeches, must be received no later than noon on December 3, 2010.
7. The speech must respond to this assignment:
What does justice mean within our legal system? Describe an event or occurrence in which you have experienced justice or injustice and how this has affected your judgment or views on the effectiveness of our legal system. Your experience may stem from recorded events or your or personal experience.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Following are the aspects of writing that will be considered by the judges when they make their decisions:

- Is the speech interesting?
- Does it show an understanding of the history or problem presented?
- Does it focus clearly on the topic?
- Is it well organized?
- Are major points fully developed or supported?
- Are standard conventions of usage, and grammar observed?

WINNERS AND AWARDS:

Three winners (first, second and third place) will be selected by a panel of judges and will be announced at an awards presentation on February 3, 2011 at _____ pm at _____.

Awards will be as follows:

Certificates of Participation for each entry

Commemorative t-shirt to each school's winning entry

\$100.00 savings bond to the third place winner

\$250.00 savings bond to the second place winner

\$500.00 savings bond and the opportunity to spend a day with a particular judge in our court system

Address questions and submit entries to:

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