

Celebration of Peace

Naperville, Illinois

Sep 15 – Oct 16, 2008

PEACE FOR KIDS

Essay / Poem for Peace

Essay/Poem for Peace – an essay/poem writing contest for kids.

Description: Children will create an essay or poem on “Peace begins with me”.

Eligibility: Open to kids from all Elementary through High schools grade levels in Naperville area public, private, and home schools ;District 203, 204, and Private schools.

How to enter: Students will receive information packets from their teachers when school starts and will have about 4 weeks to write the essay or poem.

Submissions: Last date for turning in essay/poem submissions is September 30, 2008. The essay/poem must be turned in to any teacher in your school or to the District Office. All submissions must have ALL of the following information clearly visible on the same page of the submission:

Name _____	Grade _____	School District _____
Name of School _____		
Home Phone () _____		
Parent/Guardian Email _____		
Name of Art teacher (if any) _____		

Judging: Essays and Poems will be judged on originality, creativity and expression of the theme, and will be done across three age categories, ages 5-9, 10-13, & 14-18. Judges will select a total of 9 winners on October 3rd, three from 203, three from 204, and three from the private sector for each of the age groups.

A panel of five local judges from the following areas:

1. ARTS

3. EDUCATION

5. DIVERSITY

2. MEDIA

4. COMMUNICATION

AWARENESS

will conduct the judging. We will ensure to the best of our knowledge and abilities that the judges selected do not have any direct affiliation with the school districts or the children

Press Conference: Winners will be announced at a Press conference on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, at the Naperville Municipal Center at 7:00 p.m. The winning essays and poems will be posted online for the world to read and be inspired!

Format:

- (1) All submissions must be ORIGINAL work that directly addresses the theme.
- (2) The essay must be 500 words or less on the provided essay topic.
- (3) The poem must be 30 lines or fewer with a maximum of 65 characters per line on the provided theme.