

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Principals

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DATE: October 18th, 2017

SUBJECT: 2017-2018 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art & Writing Contest

ACTION: Share with staff, students, and parents

For more than 20 years, Charlotte-Mecklenburg students have participated in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art & Writing Contest, celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King. Given the many tragedies that have struck our nation, eyes have turned to the words of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His work has left a legacy for every generation. We want to provide an opportunity for our students to express their thoughts and ideas on how to build and sustain a community of equity and justice.

The theme for this year is **Courage: The Solution to Fear**

The prompt for this year's contest is: **On March 8, 1965 in Selma, Alabama, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke from the pulpit. He spoke these words: "A man dies when he refuses to stand up for that which is right. A man dies when he refuses to stand up for justice. A man dies when he refuses to take a stand for that which is true." How do you interpret these words to show courage? Make your answer heard through your art, digital media, or writing.**

Students entering the contest will create art, video, or writing that responds to the prompt, all under the theme of *Courage: The Solution to Fear*. Bilingual and/or Spanish immersion students may submit a writing entry in either English or Spanish. Schools will submit works digitally as in years past. Submissions will be shared through Google drive. All materials for the contest are also available online in the following Google folder: <http://bit.ly/MLKCMS>

Please review the contents of the folder. **All entries are due November 30, 2017 by 5:00pm.**

Please share this opportunity with your staff, students, and parents.

Thank you for your participation. We look forward to another wonderful contest year!