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Students are to reference books, films, and/ or other textual experiences in their essays

THEMES FOR PRIDE ESSAY CONTEST 2019

(Please select a theme appropriate for your grade)

KINDERGARTEN (K)

“Every day I learn “

(Picture and a dictated sentence or two)

GRADES ONE (1) and TWO (2)

“I look forward to going to school because “ (Approximately 50—150 words)

(Note: Essays containing more than 150 words will not be graded)

GRADES THREE (3) and FOUR (4)

“What is your favorite part of the school day or year” (Approximately 100—200 words)

(Note: Essays containing more than 200 words will not be graded)

GRADES FIVE (5) and SIX (6)

“Who is a person during your school years who has instilled pride in you?

(Approximately 200—400 words)

Teachers: Please remember essay can include Pre-K this year and include all school employees, i.e. teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, secretaries, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, etc.

(Note: Essays containing more than 400 words will not be graded)

GRADES SEVEN (7) and EIGHT (8)

“Why is it important to accept others for who they are?” (Approximately 300—500 words)

(Note: Essays containing more than 500 words will not be graded)

GRADES NINE (9), TEN (10), ELEVEN (11)

“Looking back, who in your school career has had the biggest impact on your life?

(Approximately 300—500 words)

(Note: Essays containing more than 500 words will not be graded)

GRADE TWELVE (12)

“You must do the thing you think you cannot do,” is a quote by Eleanor Roosevelt, a former First Lady of the United States. Write a narrative about something you did that you didn’t think you could do. (Approximately 300-500 words)

(Note: Essays containing more than 500 words will not be graded)

Each county winner receives a monetary amount on a gift card and a certificate.

The prizes are \$100 for 1st Place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for 3rd place.