



Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center

15th Annual

PEACE through ART & WRITING CHALLENGE – 2012

For Middle School Students

TOPIC: *The 'Occupy Movement' is raising concerns about social inequality in our country. From your perspective, are there improvements you would make and inequalities you would end within your school, community and/or nation that would help you, your family, or others? Describe.*

Ideas to consider:

- Have school funding reductions affected the quality of education at your school? (class size, subjects offered, individual attention)
- Will college be affordable or even available to you? Will jobs be available in your career field?
- How is a community affected when some people have little and others much?

3 – \$75 AWARDS; 7 – \$50 AWARDS

☺ **Winners will be honored at an Awards Dinner on Saturday, May 12, 2012** ☺

CATEGORIES

- **Essay 750 words or less**
- **Creative writing – poem, story, play**
- **Art – any medium**
- **Video on DVD**

CONTEST RULES:

1. Contest is open to all Contra Costa County students.
2. For all entries: Include a cover sheet with **your name, home address, phone number, email address, school, grade, teacher (or teacher who informed you of the contest), teacher's phone number and email address, entry category and title of your work.**
3. All writing entries are to be a maximum of 750 words: typed, double-spaced, with numbered pages. Please have a teacher review your writing before submitting. If possible, send the document as a .doc or .docx email attachment to WritingContest@mtdpc.org. Otherwise, send two copies by mail. Writing entries will not be returned.
4. For art entries, attach the cover sheet on the back. Art may be picked up after May 14.
5. Entries will be judged on clarity, originality, depth of thought, and skill.
6. Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center reserves the right to reprint all entries.

DEADLINE: Postmarked or delivered no later than **Monday, March 5, 2012.**

SEND OR DELIVER TO:

Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596; (925) 933-7850.

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