



Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center

12th Annual

PEACE through ART & WRITING CHALLENGE – 2009

For High School and Middle School Students

TOPIC: *President Obama inspires hope, calls for change, and advocates unity of all people. With these ideals in mind, if you were the President, what measures would you implement to advance world peace?*

Ideas to consider:

- How are hope and unity linked to peace?
- What human rights are important for peace?
- How do racial and religious tolerance contribute to peace?
- What role does diplomacy play in promoting peace?
- What can be done about the spread of nuclear weapons?
- Is a healthy environment important for peace?

High School Awards: 3 - \$500, 3 - 250, 4 - \$100

Middle School Awards: 4 - \$100, 6 - \$50

☺ Winners will be honored at an awards dinner in May ☺

CATEGORIES

- Essay 750 words (middle school) or 1,000 words (high school)
- Creative writing – poem, story, play
- Art – any medium that shows hope and/or unity among people
- 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 or 1,000 words: typed, double-spaced, with numbered pages. Please have a teacher review your writing before submitting. If possible, send the document as an 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. If requested, art will be returned.
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 **Friday, March 6, 2009.**

SEND OR DELIVER TO:

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

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