



Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center

13th Annual

PEACE through ART & WRITING CHALLENGE – 2010

For Middle School Students

TOPIC: *Describe a situation where you or someone you know helped to settle a problem peacefully. What did you learn from this interaction and how might the lessons you learned be used to resolve an ongoing problem at home, at school, in the community or in the world?*

Ideas to consider:

- How is peaceful conflict resolution between individuals related to world peace?
- How can one ordinary person make our society a more just and peaceful place?
- What role does diplomacy play in promoting peace?

4 – \$100 AWARDS; 6 – \$50 AWARDS

☺ **Winners will be honored at an Awards Dinner on Saturday, May 8, 2010** ☺

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 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. Art may be picked up after May 8.
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 5, 2010.**

SEND OR DELIVER TO:

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

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