

BUILDING BRIDGES AND BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS.

Essay Topic:

“How would life in DC change if people from different neighborhoods and communities spent more time trying to connect with each other instead of trying to stay apart?”

- Think about....what would it be like repping your city instead of repping your neighborhood?
- Think about...what would it be like if you could go to any school you wanted to in DC?
- Think about....would there be anything to lose by taking down barriers?
- Think about....how did barriers between neighborhoods begin in the first place?
- Think about...what makes DC, DC and what do we have in common?

Essay Requirements

- Essay may not exceed 300 words.
- Each essay must have a title.
- All submissions must include the following information on a cover page (not counted in word limit):
 - Student Name
 - Age
 - Grade Level
 - School Name
 - School Address
 - Teacher’s Name
 - Home street address
 - Home Telephone Number
 - Student Email address

Contest Eligibility

- The essay contest is open to all 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.
- Submissions must be the original work of the student.
- Submissions must answer the selected question: “How would life in DC change if people from different neighborhoods and communities spent more time trying to connect with each other instead of trying to stay apart?”
- Essays will be judged on originality, understanding of topic, and ability to convey thoughts.
- Judges will be middle school students for our Project My time initiative.

Awards

Students with the top essays will be honored in several ways.

- 1st place winner will receive \$75 and framed certificate.
- 2nd place winner will receive \$50 and a framed certificate
- 3rd place winner will receive \$25 and framed certificate
- All winning essays will be posted on the CYITC website and highlighted during Trust 10 year celebration.

Entry Information

- Deadline for Entries: May 26, 2009 by 5:00pm
- Submissions should be sent to Jennifer Koroma via email or postal mail to the following addresses:

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