Roselle Public Schools Annual Essay Writing Contest

In celebration of Women’s History Month, the Roselle Public School District is proud to announce its Annual Essay Writing Contest. This year’s theme is, “Valiant Women of the Vote.” This competition is open to all students in Grades K-12 and divided into five categories: K Level; Grades 1-2; Grades 3-4; Grades 5-8 and Grades 9-12. The purpose of the essay contest is to honor women past and present who fought for women’s voting rights, rights to education, equal pay, leadership roles, gender equalities, etc.

Students will select and write about a woman who has shown persistence and strength in fighting against inequities, violence, and war through their leadership, dedication, and compassion for others.

Essays should include:

- qualities that reflect her character, courage, and commitment
- her choices and experiences that inspire others
- her positive contribution to her community, country, and, or the world
- an explanation why she was chosen or selected

The essay is going to be judged according to its content and originality. In addition, the essay should include supporting details and meaningful explanations.

**Contest Guidelines:** K will draw a picture and write 3 or more sentences; Grades 1-2 will write an essay with 35 words or more; Grades 3-4 with 200 words or more; Grades 5-8 with 300 words or more; Grades 9-12 with 400 words or more.

All winning entries should be typed with the exception of K-2 who will submit their entries handwritten. The rest of the grade levels will use 12-point font, Times Roman, and double spaced. A copy of the essay and a cover page with the student’s name, school, grade and teacher’s name should be submitted to their Language Arts/English Teacher by March 9, 2020. Each school will submit the top 5 essays from each grade level and KSA will submit the top 3 essays from each class to Ms. Miriam Malabanan, Supervisor of Language Arts and Humanities K-12, Rm. 11, Washington Elementary School either via –interoffice mail or email on or before March 16, 2020.

**Awards:** 15 winners (3 winners for each category) will be selected. 1st Place Winners will receive trophies, 2nd Place Winners will receive Silver Medals, and 3rd Place Winners will receive Bronze Medals. Winners with their parents/ or guardians will be honored during the May 2020 Board Meeting.