

DASMESH SCHOOL WINNIPEG

ESSAY WRITING CONTEST- 2014

Contest Date: April 05, 2014

Contest Time: 2:00-2:45 pm

Classroom: Blue Classroom

DASMESH SCHOOL WINNIPEG is proud to announce the **2014 Essay Contest** for students in grades 1 through 8.

Topic for Essay Contest:

- “Meaning of Kindness”
- “Vaisakhi”
- “Importance of being biliterate”

Concept of Kindness: Kindness and thoughtfulness for others are values that are often prevalent in our schools and our students, but can sometimes be overlooked. Today’s teachers have a unique opportunity to ignite the power of kindness in our classrooms simply by acknowledging it and reinforcing actions and thinking that lead to a high respect level for kindness in our society.

Students are encouraged to consider the benefits of someone taking a moment to do something kind. We encourage students to look at situations where kindness can/should occur:

- Kindness in the Classroom
- Kindness in the Community
- Kindness in the Home
- Kindness with Friends
- Kindness in the World, etc.

Concept of Vaisakhi: Write an essay about the meaning of **VAISAKHI**. The essay should address history of Vaisakhi along with its importance to our community.

- Describe Vaisakhi as Festival
- Describe history of Vaisakhi
- Importance of the Vaisakhi

Concept of Being Biliterate: Speaking, reading and writing in two or more languages are important for our future. Write an essay about what being bilingual and biliterate means to you, your community, and our world. In the 21st century, being able to effectively communicate in two or more languages is essential to being successful. Write an essay about the importance of being biliterate. Please address the following questions:

- Why is being biliterate a valuable asset to our society?
- What are the advantages of being biliterate for you personally?
- How will these skills open new doors and provide opportunities for you as a member of our global society?

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The contest is limited to students currently enrolled in Grade 1-8 in any school.

ESSAY CRITERIA:

- Essay is focused and relevant to the indicated topic, and uses interesting details to support the topic.
- Essay is easy to follow and ideas flow throughout essay.
- Essay demonstrates a sense of connection with the topic, and personal/emotional connection is evident.
- Essay conveys vivid imagery through appropriate word choice.
- Appropriate sentence structure and grammar are used to support ideas
- Students can choose any topic to prepare and write their essay

Length of the ESSAY:

- **Grade 1-2:** a picture or picture series that expresses the topic accompanied by a title and 3-5 sentences.
- **Grades 3 – 5: 200 – 250 words (1-2 Pages)**
- **Grades 6 – 8: 250 – 350 words (2-3 Pages)**

PRIZES/ AWARDS: Winning entries will be published on the DASMESH SCHOOL WEBSITE.

There will be first, second, and third place winners at each of the grade clusters, (1 – 2, 3 – 4, and 5–8).

FIRST, SECOND, THIRD PLACE WINNER will receive a medal on April 06, 2014