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**Action By:**  
**May 3, 2022**

**TO:** High School Principals  
**FROM:** Jay Boggess, Chief of Staff   
**SUBJECT:** 2022 HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH ESSAY CONTEST

The School District of Palm Beach County has designated the month of May as Haitian Heritage Month (HHM). The HHM celebration committee is organizing its yearly essay contest to commemorate the valuable history and contributions of the Haitian community in Palm Beach County. Please distribute the attached entry form to teachers and students in grades 9-12.

- Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to participate in the essay contest.
- Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, May 3, 2022.
- Theme: From a historical perspective, explain the setbacks that have hindered Haiti’s development and suggest ways to overcome them.

A committee composed of teachers and administrators will judge the essays based on a writing rubric that will assess content, originality, spelling, and grammar. Essay contest winners will be announced in the second week of May.

The following prizes will be awarded:

- First Place: Award Certificate and a \$250 check
- Second Place: Award Certificate and a \$150 check
- Third Place: Award Certificate and a \$100 check
- Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Place will each receive a \$50 gift card

MJB/JB/CS/VC/BD/NN:jc  
Attachment

Approved:   
Michael J. Burke, Superintendent

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### ESSAY CONTEST RULES/ INFORMATION – RELEASE FORM

- Essay must be between 600-700 words in length.
- Entries must be typed in Microsoft Word and e-mailed to Bito David at [bito.david@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:bito.david@palmbeachschools.org), no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 3.
- The first page of each entry must include the Entry Form Information below.
- Entries must use 12-point Arial font, with the text double spaced.
- Submissions are final. Essays will be scored by a committee composed of school teachers and administrators. Essays remain the property of the committee and will not be returned to their authors. Publication of the students' essays will be used for the promotion of the contest.
- Winners will be announced during the second week of May 2022 and they will be invited to participate in an event at the Lantana Branch Library to receive their prizes and read their essays to the public on Saturday, May 14, at 2:30 pm as part of the Haitian Heritage Month Celebration.

**Please copy and paste the entry form information onto the first page of your essay.**

### ENTRY FORM INFORMATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsoring Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_