Chicago Public Schools, American Bottling Company, Roosevelt University and Office of the City Treasurer

2010 Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Competition

Open to all CPS students, grades 9-12. Essays are due at your school by October 12, 2010.

Win a Computer - Digital Camera - Scholarship!

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Prizes:
- Grand Prizes: Four (4) laptop computers and printers awarded to each of the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students responsible for the top essay in their grade level.
- College Expense Fund: The senior Grand prize winner will receive $1,000 toward college expenses.
- Second Place Prizes: Four (4) digital cameras and photo printers awarded to each of the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students responsible for the second place essay in their grade level.
- Scholarships: A $5,000 Roosevelt University scholarship will be awarded to each of the Grand Prize winning students. Recipients will hold rights to their scholarships until they graduate high school. Students using the scholarship must meet Roosevelt University admission criteria.
- The winners, their families and school representatives will be invited to an awards banquet.

Rules:
- Grades 9-10: essay length 500-600 words. Grades 11-12: essay length 600-700 words. Essays must be written in English.
- A completed Entry Form must accompany each submitted essay.
- Submissions must be anonymous; essays with the student’s name or the school’s name written on them will be disqualified.
- All identifying information must be on the Entry Form and stapled to the essay, not written on the essay itself. (See Entry Form below.)
- Essays typed on a computer must be in a 12-point font size and font must be easy to read (no bold fonts).
- Handwritten essays must be legible, on plain white or lined paper, either printed or in cursive.
- The title of the essay must be written at the top of the first page.
- Essays will be judged on originality and creativity, cultural knowledge and research, organizational structure and clarity, as well as spelling and grammar. Essays will not be returned to the schools and it is suggested that students and schools each keep a copy.
- Give your essay to the competition coordinator at your school no later than October 12, 2010. The school will select the best essay from each grade level to be entered in the competition for judging.
- The decisions of the judges are final. Essays will not be returned to the schools.
- Questions? Ask your school competition coordinator or contact Babette Klein at bsklein@cps.k12.il.us or 773-553-2859.

Essay Topic: The motto of the United Farm Workers, founded by Latino leader and non-violent activist Cesar Chavez, is “Sí, se puede!” (Yes, it can be done!). What does this motto mean to you personally and what person of Hispanic descent, in your opinion, most exemplifies these words?

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Entry Form (Cut and attach to your essay. Please print clearly!)

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Student’s Name ___________________________________________ Student’s Phone # ________________________________

Student’s Email Address (if you have one) ________________________________________________________________

Name of School ___________________________________________ Grade ________________________________

Teacher’s Name ___________________________________________ Grade ________________________________

I understand that the prizes will be distributed as stated on the Information for Students sheet:

Student’s Signature ___________________________________________

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