

ART & WRITING CHALLENGE



Topic: "The Next Chapter of the American Dream"

President John F. Kennedy once said, "Everywhere immigrants have enriched and strengthened the fabric of American life." Cesar Chavez said, "Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own."

For hundreds of years America has been built on the dreams and hard work of immigrants. Our country's history is one built by people from all over the world coming here, or brought here, for many reasons. That work continues. What current issues over immigration are affecting you, your family, and/or your community? How have you, your family, or friends been involved in addressing these issues? In what ways are immigrants helping to write the next chapter of the American Dream?

Using your unique, artistic voice, create a visual and/or literary interpretation that conveys your response to these thoughts.

PRIZES

Middle School Grand Prize: \$250 for outstanding item, all categories considered.

High School Grand Prize: \$500 for outstanding item, all categories considered.

Other prizes	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Middle School Art (any medium)	\$100	\$50	\$25
Middle School Creative Writing	\$100	\$50	\$25
Middle School Essay	\$100	\$50	\$25
	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
High School Art (any medium)	\$200	\$100	\$50
High School Creative Writing	\$200	\$100	\$50
High School Essay	\$200	\$100	\$50

Winners will be honored at an Awards Dinner on Saturday, May 12, 2018

Three Categories Available: 1) **Essay** – 750 (middle school) or 1,000 (high school) words or less; 2) **Creative Writing** – poem, story or play; 3) **Art** – any medium

NOTE NEW CONTEST RULES!:

- Contest is open to all middle and high students in the Contra Costa County.
- VERY IMPORTANT !!!:** For all entries: **include a cover sheet with your NAME, HOME ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL, SCHOOL, GRADE, TEACHER (or teacher who informed you of the contest), TEACHER'S PHONE and EMAIL, ENTRY CATEGORY and TITLE OF WORK. Please use the cover sheet available on our website.**
- All writing entries are to be a maximum of 750 words (middle school) or 1,000 (high school): typed, double-spaced, with numbered pages. Please have a teacher review your writing before submitting and email the document as a .doc or .docx email attachment to margli@ourpeacecenter.org. You must include "Art & Writing Challenge 2018" in the subject line or the submission might be overlooked. Writings will not be returned. Please use the cover sheet available on our website.
- For art entries, attach the cover sheet **securely** on the back. If the art is not mailed in, arrangements must be made for art to be delivered and returned after the Awards Dinner. Deliveries may be made to the Center office at 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette, California. Please contact the office at 925-933-7850 for details. Please use the cover sheet available on our website.
- Entries will be judged on composition, originality, depth of thought, and relationship to topic.
- Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center reserves the right to reprint all entries.

Deadline: Postmarked or delivered by **5 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2018**

Mail to: Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549 or contact the office to arrange for delivery: (925) 933-7850 or margli@ourpeacecenter.org. Info at: creatingpeacefulschools.weebly.com