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THE PHILIP F. HAXEL SR. PATRIOTISM HONOR ROLL

Dear 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Educators (and Online Participants):

In this year's topic, "Explain in what ways the U. S. Flag has been and is today an important symbol of our country." we will be evaluating research as well as personal opinions (*complexity will differ at each grade level*).

It is hoped that many children will submit compositions to their teachers (*if a 2009 selected participating school*), or online (*if not a selected participating school this year*). Essays should include some research and resource information in support of the opinions expressed in their composition.

Teachers, please choose the three "best" per grade level applicants, and prepare your submission package as outlined below and mail to Mrs. Marie Sassé, Chairperson; Living American Flag Contest Committee; 2810 Alden Road; Baltimore, MD 21234, by May 11, 2009. Online applicants, please specify ONLINE as noted on submission page, and mail as directed above. All online (*includes home-schools*) entries will be judged as one category, three grade levels.

Submission Package Prerequisites/Organization:

1. Student compositions shall be original handwritten copies.
It is suggested that teachers make copies for their records.
2. Each student composition shall have a title at the top and the writer's name, grade level, school name and address at the bottom.
3. Your school's total submission package will be "covered" with a completed *Philip F. Haxel Sr. Patriotism Honor Roll Response Form, which is included in these pages.*
4. Your submission package will be acknowledged upon receipt by Mrs. Sassé.

The committee will examine submitted compositions from all four categories based on content, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and handwriting.

CATEGORIES: First, the selected schools: 1) Baltimore City, 2) Baltimore County, and 3) Harford County. One winner will be chosen from each participating 3rd, 4th & 5th grade level per each school - a potential for 9 winners. 4) Online. From online submissions, a 3rd, 4th & 5th grade level winner will be selected, which brings the prospective winners total to twelve. The winners will be notified before May 19, 2009. These winners will receive a Philip F. Haxel, Sr. Patriotism Honor Roll Certificate recognizing their achievement. From these winners, each Category/School will then have one over-all winner who will become the "Baton of Patriotism" holder for the succeeding year for their category, and awarded a plaque acknowledging their accomplishment, as well as public recognition at an Oriole's game and The American Flag Foundation website.

All students with submissions reviewed by the committee will receive a Philip F. Haxel Sr. Patriotism Certificate of Participation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Marie Sassé at 410-668-8209.



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The Philip F. Haxel Sr. Patriotism Honor Roll Response Form

Please return this form with your selections below no later than **May 11, 2009**

I, _____ (educator*) am submitting compositions from the following students to the Philip F. Haxel Sr. Patriotism Honor Roll contest. His/Her name will appear as listed below:

Grade 3

1
2
3

Grade 4

1
2
3

Grade 5

1
2
3

School Name _____

School Address _____

Principal _____

****ONLINE SUBMISSIONS: Please put your name in the applicable grade category, and write "ONLINE" in the educator space at top of form.***

► For any questions, please contact Mrs. Marie Sasse at 410-668-8209

Please return form and entries to:

Mrs. Marie Sasse, Chairperson
Living American Flag Contest Committee
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