

Honoring Our Heroes 2008

Eastern Cobb County Council

TO: Local Unit Chairs for Honoring Our Heroes
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Conducting Your Local Unit Program

PTA guidelines for conducting the Honoring Our Heroes program are on the Georgia PTA website under Leadership Resources. The complete web address is www.georgiapta.org/documents/program-heroes.pdf. This program is very flexible! Your local unit decides when to start, how to promote it, how to tie in with the curriculum, how to judge the entries, and how to recognize your participants. Call me if you need ideas.

Important Dates

It's never too early to begin promoting the program. If you let your teachers know the program is coming, they can work it into their lesson plans any time. Most schools start promoting it to parents and students just after the winter break. This gives students time to write and submit their essays, and it gives you time to judge the essays, and submit the winners to ECCC before the March 3 deadline.

MONDAY, MARCH 3 Deadline for submitting entries to Council.
TUESDAY, MARCH 25 Council Reception at Dodgen Middle School. All local unit winners, their families, heroes, PTA/PTSA chairs, officers, principals, etc. are invited.

Student Entries

Each essay must be accompanied by an entry form; please be sure that entry forms are complete and legible. We mail invitations to the reception, so the home address is important. Once again, we are asking students to include a photograph of their hero. Everyone enjoyed the PowerPoint presentation at the reception and we'd like to do something similar this year. Please try to get a picture for each entry that you send to Council.

If you would like an electronic version of the entry form so you can customize it for your school—with dates and collection instructions, for instance—please let me know.

Judging

Local units select their own judges. You may wish to explain the purpose of the program to your judges and give them some basic guidelines. You can recognize as many students as you wish at your local unit, but only the winning entries in the following categories are submitted to ECCC for recognition. (Essays are not judged at any higher level.)

- ≈ **Elementary schools submit a total of three entries**, (one each from grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-5).
- ≈ **Middle schools submit a total of two entries**.
- ≈ **High schools submit a total of two entries**, (one for grades 9-10, and one for grades 11-12).

Sending to ECCC

You are responsible for submitting your local unit winners to council before the deadline. Record the winning entries on the Packet Cover Sheet and follow the instructions to send the packet to Montyne Morris. NOTE: these instructions, along with the Entry Form and the Packet Cover Sheet are available on the ECCC website under Programs and Projects. Visit www.ECCCPTA.org.

Keeping in Contact

I will send updates and reminders, so please make sure I have your name, e-mail address and phone number. If you're unsure, e-mail me at montynehm@aol.com or call me at 770-924-9164. I have chaired this program at the elementary, middle and high school levels, so if you have any questions please contact me. Also, I welcome your ideas and suggestions for the program and/or for the ECCC reception. Thank you!