

The 2016 RCS Martin Luther King
Annual Short Essay and Poetry Contest!
Entry Deadline, Tuesday, December 8th



“A Beacon of Hope”

Rochester Community Schools is sponsoring its Annual Short Essay and Poetry contest. “A Beacon of Hope” is the theme for the Martin Luther King Day Celebration this year. All RCS students are invited to creatively craft a short essay or poem that relates to the theme. The four winners of the contest will read their short essays or poems at the Martin Luther King Day Celebration that will be held on Thursday, January 14th at Rochester High School from 6:30-7:45 PM.

The contest is open to all RCS students. Deadline for entries is Tuesday, December 8th. The winning entrants will be asked to read their essays at the Rochester Community Schools Martin Luther King Day Celebration on Thursday, January 14th at Rochester High School Auditorium from 6:30 – 7:45 PM.

Essays should reflect the theme of “A Beacon of Hope.” All written work must include a title. Work should be original and submitted in either type written (double spaced) or handwritten form. Preference is for three copies (unless scanned and emailed) submitted along with the form below. There are four divisions of entry:

- Lower Elementary (grades K-2) – Limit 150 words
- Upper Elementary (grades 3-5) – Limit 200 words
- Middle School (grades 6-8) – Limit 300 words
- High School (grades 9-12) – Limit 300 words

Entry Form for Rochester Area Martin Luther King Day Short Essay/Poetry Contest

Deadline is December 8th: Please send essays to:

Michael Behrmann, RCS Administration Center, 501 W. University, Rochester, MI 48307

(or scan and email to: mbehrmann@rochester.k12.mi.us)

Name _____ Grade _____ School _____

Division: ___ Lower Elementary ___ Upper Elementary ___ Middle School ___ High School

Parent Name _____ Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

Parent Email _____

This form must accompany three copies of the entry.