

# DALA's Media Center Newsletter

## Family Literacy Night—Tuesday—Jan. 14th —5:45PM

# Career Focus

You & your family are invited to attend Family Literacy Night (FLN) Tues., Jan. 14, 2020 from 5:45 PM—6:45 PM in the Media Center.

**FLORIDA** Standards Assessments Attend FLN to get information regarding the FSA Assessment. You will receive DALA's assessments schedule, helpful resource links and tips for preparing your child for the assessment.



Attend FLN to hear from **Dee "Flash" Gordon**, a Major League Baseball player. He is a former player for the *Miami Marlins* and *Los Angeles Dodgers* and is currently the 2nd baseman for the *Seattle Mariners*. "Dee" Gordon will share his career as a professional player and will bring baseballs to autograph for all who attends FLN.



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### Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Participants



**Hats Off and a New Year's Cheer** to our creative writers for participating in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest. We will be honoring and presenting certificates to the students who participated in the MLK, Jr. essay contest at FLN this month. They were challenged to *expand on what Dr. King had envisioned or hoped to see and what you can do today to promote or advance his dream.*"

The students below are competing to win \$150, \$175, or \$200.

Congratulate these awesome writers for stepping out of their comfort zone and writing for their future success!



**Kiley Bunn**  
**Meaghan Cole**  
**Cartiana Janvier**  
**Katherine Parra**  
**Delayna Pryor**  
**Kaleb Streeter**

Challenger—8  
 Adventurer—6  
 Aviator—8  
 Adventurer—6  
 Mariner—7  
 Trailblazer—7



Each student received 500 auction points for entering the contest.



### Coming Events

- Jan. 14— Family Literacy Night
- **Jan 15—Early Release**
- Jan. 17—Report Cards
- Jan. 20—MLK, Jr. Holiday
- Feb. 5 —Early Release
- Feb. 11—Family Literacy Night
- **Feb 15 - Student Holiday**

**get 500-Points**  
**for Attending**  
**Family Literacy Night**

### Refreshments

Refreshments will be served.



### Random Drawing

There will be a SURPRISE drawing at FLN. Come and get your name in the drawing to have a chance to WIN!!



# Who Would Like to Attend College FREE?

\$\$\$ Cash \$\$\$ in on going to college FREE!! How? By entering and winning the Black History Essay Contest. All you have to do is WRITE! WRITE!? Yes, WRITE. You are to write about an African American who has an untold story and has made a positive impact on their community. Attend FLN

to get more details. You can also get information from the following website:

<http://www.floridablackhistory.com/student-contests.html>

The essay must be **no longer than 500 words**. In addition to the essay, the student must also submit the following:

- ⇒ **A letter of recommendation** (no more than 250 words) from an educator or a professional describing why the student is worthy to receive a scholarship and how he/she stands out from his/her peers.
- ⇒ **A 200—250 word personal essay of why the student believes he/she is deserving of the scholarship, what his/her plans are for the future, and what he or she has done recently** (during the past six months) **to give back to his/her community**.

The essay can be submitted *online* by to January 21st before 5:00pm or submit your essay to Mrs. Tillman to mail it in for you by January 16th. Students who participate will receive 500-auction points.

## Practice Your Writing Skills and Win!

Scholastic Magazine is offering MORE writing opportunities for students. Check them out below and ENTER to WIN! Numbers 1-4 are due to Mrs. Tillman by Feb 14th. Attend FLN to get information so you can be a winner.



- 1) **Superhero Contest:** Write your own story with the title “*If I Were a Superhero*.” Give your central character an internal conflict. Your story should be no more than 800 words.

Three winners will receive the book “*The Benefits of Being an Octopus*” by Ann Braden.

- 2) **Charles Dickens Contest:** What do you think Charles Dicken wants readers to learn through the character of Scrooge? Read the Article from Scholastic Scope magazine to support your answer with details from the play and imagined interview.

Five Winners will receive the book “*Beverly, Right Here*” by Kate DiCamillo.

- 3) **Bravery Contest:** Read the poem “*Song of Bravery*” from the Scope Scholastic magazine. Tell why you think the poem from the Scope Scholastic magazine is called “*Song of Bravery*”? Support your answer with text evidence.

Five winners will receive the book “*What the Heart Knows*” by Joyce Sidman.

- 4) **You Write It Contest:** Read the interview with Michael Platt from the Scholastic Scope magazine. Choose a central idea and write a three-paragraph article about Michael in your own words.

Three winners will receive a \$25 Visa gift card.

- 5) **Write A Story Contest:** Choose your favorite line below and turn it into a fantastic work of fiction. The author Jennifer A. Nielsen wrote the three first lines below to stories that don’t exist. Give birth to a story.

A) *For the record, I voted against exploring the Forbidden Tunnel of Doom.*

B) *My house collapsing into a sinkhole wasn’t even the worst part of my day.*

C) *There’s a chance that I’m not fully human.*

Write a short story starting with your chosen line. The story must be between 800 and 3,000 words.

Winner will receive \$100 plus the thrill of seeing your story published in the Scholastic Scope Magazine online.

**Deadline:** February 26th to Mrs. Tillman

All students who participate will receive 500 auction point for each contest you enter.

## Honoring Trampoline Contest Participant

Way to Go **Omario Powell (Mariner-7)** for participating in the Scholastic Trampoline Writing Contest!! The contest ask students to edit the published article by revising and polishing the article that was published in the Scholastic Scope Magazine. The article was about the history of the trampoline. At FLN **Omario Powell** will receive a certificate and be honored for his hard work. He has earned 500 auction points for participating. Give him a HIGH FIVE when you see him.



## Celebrate Literacy Week is January 27—31

Why not celebrate Literacy Week for the entire month of January by encouraging your child to READ! As parents, it’s important to promote and establish the value of lifelong literacy. Knowing where to start, however, can be a challenge. Studies show that it only takes 20 minutes per day to vastly improve a child’s reading ability. In one year, a child who reads 20 minutes a day is exposed to 1.8 million words. For children who only read 5 minutes per day outside of school, the number of words they’re exposed to drops to 282,000. Encourage and challenge your child to read outside the classroom for 20 minutes a day.

## \$250 Reminder!!

Remember to enter the *Eyewitness to History Contest* for a chance to win \$250 for yourself and for your teacher. You will need to interview someone who has experienced a historic event. Additional copies of the entry forms are located in the media center. Submit your interviews to Mrs. Tillman by January 27th. You will receive 500 auction points for entering the contest. **Will YOU be the \$250 WINNER?**

