

Mountain View Elementary School PTA "Honoring Our Heroes" Annual Essay Contest

A 2008 – 2009 ECCC PTA sponsored program

Students, who is the **real** hero in your life? Who has really made a difference in your life or helped you through tough or difficult times? Who has inspired you to be the best person that you can be each day? Who helps you to help others in your family, school, sports team or activities?

Grab a pencil and paper and be a part of this year's "Honoring Our Heroes" essay contest! Write about your hero and explain why he or she is so important to you. Your hero could be a parent, grandparent, coach, friend, teacher, neighbor, a pet or anyone who has made a truly positive impact on your life. Please note that we're not talking about sports heroes, rock stars or make-believe heroes. Here are the rules:

THEME: Select a living or deceased person who has made a key difference in your life and who demonstrates any of the core character traits emphasized at Mountain View Elementary this year. Describe how your hero has made an impact in your life. Words that could be used to describe your hero ... courageous, helpful, kind, dedicated, self-confident, unselfish, fair, forgiving, tolerant, loyal, honest, dependable, respectful, trustworthy, responsible, honorable, generous, courteous, preserving, patient, compassionate, committed.

FORMAT: Entries can be typed or handwritten and submitted on **ONE 8 ½ x 11 inch sheet of paper**. Both sides of the paper can be used. Entries will be primarily judged on content. Parents of students in grades K-1 may assist in putting their child's own words on paper. Please make sure to staple your entry form with the essay. Please do NOT put your name on the essay!

JUDGING: The entries will be judged based upon how the student is able to explain the qualities of their hero and to describe how their hero has directly or indirectly impacted their life. Entries will be judged for PTA purposes on **CONTENT** only. The students will be placed in three grade categories: K-1, 2-3 & 4-5. The 1st place winners from these categories will receive a trophy and will be invited to attend the ECCC reception. The 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive a ribbon. All participants will be invited to a breakfast and will be given a certificate. Mountain View PTA considers ALL students who enter to be winners and our heroes!

DEADLINE: Entries must be turned in to the student's teacher by **Wednesday, February 11th**. Please only put your name on the entry form and staple it to your essay.

We encourage all students to participate in this rewarding program. If you have any questions, please contact Jen-i Debetta, Heroes Chair at 770-977-5374; jdebetta@earthlink.net or Teresa Johnson at 770-578-9231; brentandteresa@comast.net.

Mountain View Elementary School PTA "2009 HONORING OUR HEROES" Entry Form
(Entries due to student's teacher by Wednesday, February 11, 2009)

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Phone: _____ Grade: _____

Name of Hero: _____