

# DEKALB COUNTY AHCL 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENT'S ESSAY AND ARTWORK CONTEST GUIDELINES

The contest encourages students to strive for excellence and creativity in: reading and writing skills, drawing skills, understanding and the practice of one of the Six Pillars of Character.

All Essay/Artwork must be done with a #2 pencil. Essay should be on lined paper. Front side only. (No backs) Artwork should be done on unlined paper. Essay should be 150-200 words. Writings and drawings should be done at school. **No outside help should be allowed.** Students are encouraged to watch the Character Counts video. The contest will start at the local level, and run January 1 thru March 31. The contest is open to any and all 4<sup>th</sup> grades in the county. Contest will be judged on local level, send first place winners to the DeKalb County Council President by April's County Council meeting, for county judging. Winners will be announced May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## \*\*\* *Six Pillars of Character* \*\*\*

**Trustworthiness - 2011** - Be honest • Don't deceive, cheat or steal • Be reliable — do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends and country.

**Respect - 2012** - Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements

**Responsibility - 2013** - Do what you are supposed to do • Persevere: keep on trying! • Always do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act — consider the consequences • Be accountable for your choices

**Fairness - 2014** - Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded; listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly

**Caring - 2015** - Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need

**Citizenship - 2016** - Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment