

ALEXANDRIA EARTH DAY 2015

IT'S YOUR TURN TO LEAD!

Students are encouraged to showcase *It's Your Turn to Lead!* through artistic talents. The categories are: literature (poems/essays), fashion, visual arts (painting/photography), and performing arts (music/dance).

Submissions in fashion, performing arts and literature will be showcased on the main stage during the **Earth Day Celebration, April 25, 2015**. Visual arts submissions will be on display at the event.

Individuals or groups may compete but prizes are awarded to schools. Each school may submit a combination of categories. Each school will be allocated approximately 8 minutes on stage.

General Rules for the Showcase

- 1 It's to be fun!
- 2 Use what you've got. No new materials!
- 3 Nothing dangerous (i.e., no sharp edges).
- 4 Collaboration among a group of students is allowed.
- 5 All students will write a short description of their entry that will be read while it is being showcased at the event.
- 6 Adults can help assemble, but students must design the projects.
- 7 Submissions, with artists' and parents' permission, may be posted on the Alexandria Earth Day website.

Poem/Essay Rules

- 1 Literature entries may be a work of fiction or nonfiction. The entry must relate to the theme "*It's Your Turn to Lead!*"
- 2 Entries must not exceed 350 words.
- 3 Entries may be handwritten or typed. Students may dictate to another person who may print or type the exact words spoken by the student.
- 4 Entries are to reflect grade-appropriate grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
- 5 Print on recycled paper.
- 6 The performer does not necessarily need to be the author of the piece but it is strongly encouraged that they are.

Fashion

- 1 No new materials may be used. Use things from your house and school like old clothes, recycled paper and plastic bags, etc.
- 2 Partial recycled outfits are permitted (such as a shirt/blouse made of recycled material over jeans)
- 3 Not necessarily recycled base clothing permitted (such as tights or a plain T- shirt)
- 4 Designers of garments do not need to be the model.
- 5 The entry must relate to the theme "*It's Your Turn to Lead!*"

Visual Arts

- 1 All entries must be original, student work.
- 2 No new materials may be used. Use things from your house and school like newspapers, magazines, crayons, paint, markers, etc.
- 3 Use of copyrighted material is not acceptable in any submission.
- 4 Prints should be mounted on a cardboard mat, poster board, or other sturdy material.
- 5 If students wish for their pieces to be judged- they must be available, under the tent, at the appropriate time to discuss their pieces with the judges.
- 6 The entry must relate to the theme "*It's Your Turn to Lead!*"

Performing Arts

- 1 A music entry may be for voice, instruments or a combination.
- 2 A dance entry choreography must be the work of one or a group of students and must demonstrate creativity.
- 3 The entry must relate to the theme "*It's Your Turn to Lead!*"
- 4 Be creative! You can find musical instruments in your house like pots and used water bottles.
- 5 Entries may not exceed three minutes.
- 6 Entries will be judged on how well the piece portrays the theme. The connection can be made evident through the use of song, props, and the dance itself.

Judging

1. All entries are judged on:
 - Interpretation of the theme "*It's Your Turn to Lead!*"
 - Artistic Merit
 - Creative Merit
 - Performance
2. Bonus points available for submissions in more than one category.

School Stewards have to get their plans in by Monday, March 30 to Mark Eisenhour. Have Questions? Email Mark at meisenho@acps.k12.va.us