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Dr. Patrice T. Green.
Hand Middle School
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Dear Dr. Green:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® has several service initiatives. One of the initiatives addresses the Arts which is designed to expose students to arts enrichment and culture by focusing on visual and performing arts and by showcasing talent through the exploration of writers, entertainers, and various other artists. There are two primary focuses of the arts initiative, Salute to the Harlem Renaissance and Salute to the Black Arts Movement.

Under your leadership, the district's visual and performing arts program and cohesive arts curriculum continues to thrive and make lifelong arts connections for the students. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Gamma Nu Omega Chapter and the Pink & Green Community Service Foundation, Inc. would like to engage in a partnership with the district and offer a Black Arts Movement Essay Writing Contest for middle school students. The Black Arts Movement focuses on students' research and celebration of African American artists during the Black Arts Movement therefore, offering an opportunity for curriculum integration of ELA, history, and the arts.

The First, Second and Third Place Winners will receive a Trophy and a \$50 Award. The details of the Black Arts Movement Essay Writing Contest are as follows:

1. Essay Contest is open to 6th-8th grade students.
2. Student's name, date and title of essay should be at the top of the page denoting: "What Effects Did the Black Arts Movement Have on American Culture?"
3. Criteria for judging essays are as follows:
Content 30%
Grammar 30%
Organization 25%
Overall Impact of the Black Arts Movement 15%
4. All essays should one page and emailed to the following email address: Targetthearts4@gmail.com
5. Deadline for submission of essays is February 18, 2022.

If you have any questions, contact Janice Oates, Chair, Target IV The Arts! at (803) 629-5478 or email: Targetthearts4@gmail.com.

Sincerely,


Angela Brown, President
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