

2007 -2008 Stults Road Elementary Essay Writing Contest and Young Authors Award Banquet

An event that has been established as a tradition in Dallas Continental's partnership with Stults Road Elementary School, the ALL school essay writing contest and awards banquet is a highlight for students, teachers, and parents each year. This year's topic "Someone Special to Me" was selected for multiple reasons. As a writing exercise, this type of activity is selected to work with the school curriculum to enhance writing skills and to prepare the students for the state TAKS test. The teachers organize the writing contest as an ALL school activity, which encompasses grades KDG – 6th. Culminating in a formal banquet at the African American Museum of Dallas, where 1st – 3rd place awards are presented to 4th – 6th graders along with other recognition, students are highly motivated to participate and to do well. A formal writing criteria has been developed to focus the writing skills.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Joyce Leday, a reading specialist for the Garland Independent School District. Ms. Leday spoke to the children on not giving up and holding on to their dreams.

The awards banquet is designed specifically to motivate students and to encourage parents to get actively involved in their children's education; to serve in a strong school /home partnership. In this regard, students, their families, school staff and community members are invited to participate in this annual affair. Recipients of the awards are asked to read their essay "in public" to a very receptive audience.

Continental Societies, Incorporated members present participating students in grades KDG through 3rd certificates in a public forum presented at and by the school.



Winners and their Families