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Dear Principals, Multi-Cultural Liaison Representatives, Social Studies Representatives, and Language Representatives,

This year SPIFFS is again sponsoring STUDENT CONTESTS for all grade levels.

STUDENT CONTESTS. In an effort to encourage all students to learn more about their own culture and the cultures of others, the St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society, Inc. (SPIFFS) would like to invite the students of your school to participate in the contests on the theme “**America the Beautiful.**” Participants will be judged upon each individual’s interpretation of What Makes the United States of America Beautiful. These contests are open to students from all schools.

The contests will be judged on three levels:

1. **Grades 1 – 5:** Artistic Drawing (Size 11” x 17”)
2. **Grades 6 – 8:** Artistic Collage on Poster Board.
3. **Grades 9 – 12:** Written Essay or Poem.

All entries must be submitted to the SPIFFS office by **October 2nd, 2009** and will be judged by a SPIFFS panel.

- a) Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third in each category.
1st Place: \$100 2nd Place: \$75 3rd Place: \$50
- b) School of winning contestants will be recognized.
- c) School of winning contestants will be notified by October 16th, 2009.
- d) Awards and recognition will be presented at the Folk Fair on the appropriate days.
- e) Winning entries will be displayed at the Folk Fair.

RULES & QUALIFICATION: “AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL.”

1. Grades 1-5. Participants shall draw according to their interpretation of the above mentioned theme of “**America the Beautiful**” on 11” x 17” size paper **ONLY**. Marker, crayons, paint, and other artistic tools are acceptable. Size of paper will be strictly enforced as well as applying the 2009 theme to all participants’ entries. Contest is open to all participants attending the Folk Fair. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

1st Place: \$100 2nd Place: \$75 3rd Place: \$50

2. Grades 6-8. Participants shall combine all aspects of art to produce a collage according to their interpretation of the above mentioned theme of “**America the Beautiful**” on regular 22” x 28” poster board paper **ONLY**. Uses of such items as magazines, posters, wrappers, drawings etc., are acceptable by itself or in a combination. Size of paper will be strictly enforced as well as applying the 2009 theme to all participants’ entries. Contest is open to all participants attending the Folk Fair. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

1st Place: \$100 2nd Place: \$75 3rd Place: \$50

3. Grades 9-12. Participants shall submit essays or poems on the theme of “**America the Beautiful**” by October 2nd. Contest is open to all participants attending the Folk Fair. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

1st Place: \$100 2nd Place: \$75 3rd Place: \$50

Sincerely,
Kerry P. Chen
Student Activities Chair for Folk Fair 2009

P.S. Please share this information with the appropriate teachers.