

**RESOLUTION RE: UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AND DOMINICK'S ESSAY
AND POETRY CONTEST HONORING LANGSTON HUGHES**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Postal Service in partnership with Dominick's Finer Foods asked the Chicago Public Schools to assist in the development of an essay and poetry contest for students in grades 3 through 8; and

WHEREAS, Langston Hughes challenged the world to dream, the students were challenged to create either poems or essays relating their own dreams for the world today; and

WHEREAS, over six hundred students in grades three through eight entered this competition and learned to implement their writing skills as encouraged by the Chicago Reading Initiative's Writing component; and

WHEREAS, eighteen students representing fourteen schools were honored by the Chicago Public Schools at the Student Awards Ceremony on June 8, 2002 at the United Center and by the United States Postal Service and Dominick's Finer Foods at the ceremony unveiling the new Langston Hughes Commemorative Postal Stamp; and

WHEREAS, these talented students were presented Certificates and monetary awards through the generosity of Dominick's Finer Foods;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City Of Chicago gathered here this 25th day of September, 2002 recognize that: these young people are commended for their outstanding creativity and writing skills; and we extend congratulations to their teachers, principals, and parents for their dedication and for encouraging their students to strive for excellence.

CPS - U.S. Postal Service Essay & Poetry Contest

| Category/Grade | Place | Student | School |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Essay (7-8) 8 | 1st | Casey Radlowski | Dirksen |
| Essay (7-8) 8 | 2nd | Lia Berezka | Belding |
| Essay (7-8) 7 | 3rd | Carlos Avila | Jose de Diego |
| Essay (5-6) 5 | 1st | Jena' Thomas | G. R. Clark |
| Essay (5-6) 6 | 2nd | Demetrius Wade | Arai |
| Essay (5-6) 5 | 3rd | Gregory Jenkins | G. R. Clark |
| Essay (3-4) 3 | 1st | Gregory Collins Jr. | Shoop |
| Essay (3-4) 4 | 2nd | Tifannie Howard | Harvard |
| Essay (3-4) 4 | 3rd | Felicia Padilla | Andersen |

| Category/Grade | Place | Student | School |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| Poetry (7-8) 8 | 1st | Angela Morano | Sheridan |
| Poetry (7-8) 8 | 2nd | Jalitha Brown | G. R. Clark |
| Poetry (7-8) 8 | 3rd | Toni Carter | Gladstone |
| Poetry (5-6) 6 | 1st | Diamond Doss | Whistler |
| Poetry (5-6) 6 | 2nd | Mina Jirecek | Swift |
| Poetry (5-6) 5 | 3rd | Maya Harris | Vanderpoel |
| Poetry (3-4) 3 | 1st | Margaret Pledger | Whistler |
| Poetry (3-4) 4 | 2nd | Brandon Payton | G. R. Clark |
| Poetry (3-4) 3 | 3rd | Lance Weatherly | Randolph |