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## **Helping Others Makes YOU a SUPERHERO!** **2023-24 Orleans-Niagara Teacher Center Literacy Contest**

Teachers, are you looking for a fun, creative way to encourage literacy with your students? Look no further - our annual literacy contest is your solution! This year's theme provides students an opportunity to describe how helping others in their communities or schools has made them a better person or **SUPERHERO!** Students' entries can be focused on such things as (but not limited to): how volunteering makes a difference; being a productive piece of your community; how being positive uplifts others; my 'super' character trait is; how helping others helps yourself; accepting and respecting others; building classroom community; being kind and compassionate; self-growth through altruism; activities you have done to help your community; etc.

### **Additional Information:**

1. The top 2 entries from each grade (K-8) will be selected to receive a top winner prize. All other entries will be acknowledged and receive a medal and token gift at the awards ceremony on **April 24, 2024 at the North Tonawanda Fine Arts Facility.**
2. Entries **MUST** be related to the theme. The story can be about anything demonstrating how the student has helped others in their communities or classrooms and how that has made them a better person (Superhero).
3. Students may submit entries in any format they wish, noting that creativity will be a major factor in scoring. All entries **MUST** include some form of writing as this is a literacy contest.
4. **NEW THIS YEAR: ALL entries must include a drawing (either hand-drawn or computer generated) of themselves as a superhero.**
5. Each teacher may submit up to 5 entries per class.
6. All entries must be submitted electronically. Any hand drawings or handwritten entries must be scanned and saved as electronic files. Links to entries will also be accepted.

Examples of entries and ideas for apps to use include, but are not limited to: a written narrative with pictures/drawings (Google Doc or Drawings), a picture story with text (Book Creator), a video that includes a written script (Youtube, Flipgrid), a slideshow (Google Slides, PowerPoint), a comic strip with text (Adobe Spark, Pixton), an electronic poster (Glogster), an animated story (Sock Puppet), a website (Google Sites), etc. **Whatever the format of the entry, creativity is highly encouraged!**

**The submission deadline is March 15, 2024.**

**All entries must be submitted electronically using this [Google form](#) (you may need to copy and paste link).**

### **Entries will be scored on the following:**

- Content - the entry relates to the theme and tells a story
- Voice - the story is engaging to the reader
- Creativity - the format selected to tell the story is creative and took forethought
- Authenticism - the entry is the original work of the student (mistakes are OK)
- Grammar and Punctuation - text follows age appropriate English Language grammar rules