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News Release:

DO RIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP IN INTEGRATED & LANGUAGE ARTS TO BE LAUNCHED AT QUEEN'S HALL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH 2014

Valuable prizes for Primary & Secondary Students who capture the Integrity theme

The Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago is collaborating with the Ministry of Education and the Tobago House of Assembly on a **Do Right Championship in the Integrated and Language Arts** that calls for students of Primary and Secondary Schools to write, sing, dance, draw and engage in dramatic performances and creative movement.

The Do Right Champions in the Integrated Arts will be launched at Queen's Hall, St. Ann's on Thursday, September 25 at 9:30 a.m. School Supervisors, School Principals, teachers and students have been invited to attend the launch where details on the competition will be announced. A Workshop for teachers in Tobago will be held at the Division of Education, Youth Affairs and Sport on October 2nd 2014. Similar Workshops will be held for teachers in Trinidad next month.

The Curriculum Planning Division of the Ministry of Education and the Division of Education of the THA have advised that students will be required to make Integrated Arts presentations during the third term (April –June) of the 2014-2015 school year as part of their examination regime. There will be special awards for teachers who facilitate the presentations.

The Integrity Commission is collaborating with the Ministry of Education which has instituted a robust programme that includes all of the main discipline in the Arts (Music, Visual Arts, Drama/Theatre Arts, and Dance/Creative Movement) in both primary and secondary schools. Teachers in primary schools have had a minimum level of training in fundamental skills in the Visual and Performing Arts as well as

in the Language Art areas. Students who entered Standard Three in this month will be exposed to the benefits of approaching these disciplines in an integrated way with the intention of presenting their skill at the end of the school year. At the secondary level, in most schools, students are being exposed to a minimum of two of the disciplines in the Visual And Performing Arts and they will be examined as part of a Continuous Assessment (CA) regime in Forms 1, 2 and 3 with a summative examination known as the National Certificate of Secondary Education (NCSE) Level 1 at the end of Form 3. One element of the CA is an Integrated Arts presentation.

In 2011 the Integrity Commission initiated the Do Right Championships that has, to date, focused on presentations by individual students or small groups in a number of skills including literacy (short stories, essays, scenario scripts), dramatic performances (Monologues, Speech Bands) as well as visual arts (cartoons, drawings). Students earned valuable prizes including iPads, Nintendo Wiis, Book Bags, Unit Trust Vouchers as well as ENO Accounts from First Citizens.

Be a part of it, join in the Integrated and Language Arts competition and ‘do the right thing always.’

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