

NEWS RELEASE.

A BETTER TOMORROW: Do The Right Thing Always SCHOOL COMPETITION ON THE THEME OF INTEGRITY

The Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, is challenging students of all Primary and Secondary schools to design a Cartoon, produce a Skit (a Scenario), write a Short Story and/or a Poem on the theme of Integrity from their perspective.

On Monday (August 8th 2011) members of the Integrity Commission shared information on the competition with the Hon. Orville London, Chief Secretary, Tobago House of Assembly. Mr. Whitney Alfred, Secretary for Education, Youth Affairs and Sport and Dr. Verleen Bob-Lewis, Coordinator, School Supervision attended the meeting. On Tuesday (August 9) the Commission shared details on the competition with 51 School Supervisors from all Education Districts of the Ministry of Education at a meeting held at the Rudranath Capildeo Learning Resource Centre, Couva.

The competition theme:

The theme chosen by the Integrity Commission is “**A BETTER TOMORROW: Do The Right Thing Always.**” Doodlers, dramatists, essayist, short story writers and poets are encouraged to capture, from their life experience, issues related to Integrity.

Who can participate?

The competition, which will be launched in September 2011, is open to all students in the following age groups:

Primary School:

7-9 years
10-12 years

Secondary School:

Forms 1 – 3

Competition areas:

LEVEL

WRITING

VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS

Primary

7-9

Poem
4-6 stanzas
(4 lines per stanza)

Cartoon or Drawing on the theme

10-12

Short Story
(250-300 words)

Scenario (Skit)
(7 minutes)

Secondary

Forms 1 – 3

Poem
(6 stanzas, 6 lines per stanza)

Cartoon (Comic Strip)

Forms 1 – 3

Short Story
(350-400 words)

Scenario (Skit)
(8-15 minutes)

Entries from each educational district will be reviewed by a panel of judges who will shortlist the top entries in each category. The best three entries in each age group/category will win prizes and present their winning items at a grand Awards Ceremony where the best entries will be displayed.

Registration details:

For detailed information (guidelines and registration forms) students of Primary and Secondary Schools are urged to check with your School Principal on the reopening of School in September.

All participants must register on forms that will be made available at Ministry of Education's Educational District Office, the Principal of each school and from the Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago. The registration is valid only if the school's principal or designated officer stamps the registration forms and ensures that the entry is produced by the student(s) and is not in any way offensive. All entries must be submitted to the Education District Office.

Closing date for entries is November 7, 2011 and winners will be contacted shortly thereafter

Announcing the launch of the competition Chairman of the Integrity Commission Dr. Eric St Cyr said: "Integrity is all about correctness. Our thoughts must be pure, our words clear and our actions upright. Let us strive for the best always.

"The contest aims to unleash the creativity of young people and inspire them to innovate in thought and word and action. Rise up. Make the good better and the better best. It's exciting to see how innovative kids can be in the Visual and Performing Arts and the Literary Arts and we are all excited to see what's in store for us this year."

So gather those art supplies for your cartoon or skit. All it takes to enter is a Cartoon, a Skit (Scenario), a Short Story or Poem on the theme of Integrity.

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*Commissioners: Dr. Eric St. Cyr, Chairman; Madam Justice Gladys Gafoor, Deputy Chairman;
Mr. Neil Rolingson; Professor Ann-Marie Bissessar; Mr. Seunarine Jokhoo*