



Rotary Club of Greater Corvallis

2020 Annual Middle Level

Essay Contest in English and Spanish

For 6th —7th —8th Graders

Essay Questions: Write a 300 word expository essay on **one** of the following questions:

6th grade: Describe a new ideal school day. Consider the start time, breaks and end time as well as the classes you would take. What makes your school day “ideal”? In what ways, if any, would this ideal school day better meet your social, emotional and academic needs?

7th grade: For centuries zoos have educated people about the natural world and its animals and protected species in danger of extinction. Some people, however, believe that it is cruel to keep wild animals in captivity and zoos exploit animals for the pleasure of our viewing. Should zoos continue to be in operation?

8th grade: Greta Thunberg, the 17 year old Nobel Peace Prize nominee and climate activist, has brought into focus the very real dangers of climate change for us and our planet. What role do you feel young people can or should play in addressing climate change?

Deadline: Entries must be submitted to the school office no later than 3:00 pm on **Friday, April 3rd, 2020**

Winners: Each grade level winner will read their winning essay to the members of the Rotary Club of Greater Corvallis on Friday, April 24th, 2020 at a special noon luncheon program. Winners also receive a framed certificate and a \$50 gift card prize.

Contest Rules - read carefully:

- Entries must be submitted on a separate piece of paper (preferably typed)
- Name, grade, and school of the student must be written on the back of the essay.
- Each essay should be true to the theme and respond to the question.
- Each essay will be judged on originality, creativity, and style/grammar.
- Each essay shall be two to three paragraphs in length, but no more than 300 words.
- All submissions become the property of the Rotary Club of Greater Corvallis.

Winning essays will be chosen from all participating Corvallis middle schools for grades 6th , 7th ,and 8th. Two winning essays will be chosen from each grade level from the essays written in English and one essay from all grade levels will be chosen from the essays written in Spanish for a total of seven winning essays.

Questions? Email Suzanne McFarland Price suzanne.mcfarlandprice@gmail.com

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