

Honoring Our Heroes
Essay Contest 2012

I am of certain convinced that the greatest heroes are those who do their duty in the daily grind of domestic affairs whilst the world whirls as a maddening dreidel.

--Florence Nightingale

Honoring Our Heroes is a writing contest developed in 1995 by the Eastern Cobb County Council of PTAs. The program was designed to encourage students to discover “real life” heroes who have shown generosity, trust, persistence, dedication, leadership, creativity, caring, bravery, imagination, service, gentleness, courage, or compassion. The creators of the program wanted students to redefine the heroes they saw portrayed in the media - cartoon characters, professional athletes, rock stars, etc. - and instead recognize the true heroes in their lives. Our real heroes are grandparents, parents, siblings, doctors, policemen, soldiers, teachers, and anyone else that has made a real and positive impact on a student’s life.

Entries should be typed or handwritten on one single sheet of 8½ x 11 paper - double-sided is acceptable (1 double-sided page is the maximum length). This entry form must be completed and submitted with each essay, along with a picture of the hero, with the student, if possible. Please label the picture with the student’s name. Entries will be judged on the student’s ability to articulate the qualities of the hero and to describe the manner in which the hero has impacted the student’s life.

HONORING OUR HEROES ENTRY FORM 2012

Student: _____

Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

School: _____

Grade/Pod: _____ LA Teacher: _____

Hero’s Name: _____

Picture of Hero Included: YES NO