GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SCHOOL BRANCH
OLD SECRETARIAT DELHI-110054

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Delhi Public Library, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India is organizing an exhibition from 1-6th February, 2010 in the grounds of Lalit Kala Academy, 35, Ferozshah Road, New Delhi. In order to promote reading habits, DPL is organizing a “Tell a Story” competition for English medium and Hindi medium schools of Delhi during the exhibition period. The names of 12 best students, 6 from class IX and 6 from class XI (3 each in English and Hindi medium separately for both classes) are to be sent to Chairperson, Delhi Public Library by Directorate of Education for the final competition during the exhibition.

It has been decided that this competition be first organised at District level for students of classes IX and XI in English and Hindi medium separately followed by competition at State level as per following schedule.

1. District Level: 8th January 2010 – 14th January 2010
2. State Level: 18th January 2010 – 23rd January 2010

However, schools may hold this competition at school level on their own and send the names of selected best pupil to concerned District DDE before 8th January 2010 on the basis of following criteria:-

1. The child tells a story in 10 minutes from something that he/she has read and enjoyed.
2. The story does not exceed 10 minutes
3. As the idea is to test the story telling skills of the students and, therefore, no books or papers should be used by the student, and the child should have the ability to hold the attention of the audience.

All the District DDEs are requested to nominate one Nodal officer not below the rank of a Principal and organize this competition in their District by inviting Govt/Govt Aided/Public recognized schools for participation within the prescribed time schedule. Guidelines for judges for the competition are also enclosed herewith. The names of the selected four best students (not more than one in English and one in Hindi of classes IX and XI separately) of their District are to be submitted to School Branch on or before 15th January 2010 positively in the enclosed format. The State level competition will be organized by School Branch. The details of the same will be issued in due course of time.
It is important to mention that the winners will be suitably awarded during the competitions organized by DPL Board.

All District DDEs/HOSs/Librarians are requested to make this event a great success.

(Dr. (Mrs) Sunita Kaushik)
Addl Director of Education (Schools)

Encl: As above

All District DDEs/HOSs/Librarians through DEL E.

Copy for information to:-

1. PS to Pr. Secretary (Education)
2. PS to Director (Education)
3. Director, Delhi Public Library
4. Guard File
5. OS (IT) to paste on website
Guidelines for Tell a Story competitions in Hindi and English

(a) The story may be from fiction/original
(b) Story should not be too long or too short.
(c) Eye contact with all audience is maintained
(d) Inclusion of rhymes and onomatopoeia (sound words) in the story content
(e) Proper voice modulation
(f) It should not have social stereotypes biases like gender roles, religion or class based characters etc.
(g) Cognitive linkages of the story content should be logical
(h) Stories should not have an overt moral that is not appreciated by the audience. There would be many morals in one story, which may get connected to the audience in a natural way. There is no need to convey moral of the story overtly
(i) Effective enactment and presentation
(j) Rich vocabulary, language flow and effective communicating skills
(k) Ability to mesmerize the audience
(l) Story should not end abruptly.