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THE PHILIP F. HAXEL SR. PATRIOTISM HONOR ROLL

Dear 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Educators (and Online Participants/Parents): **Please read details carefully!**

The topic for the Philip F. Haxel, Sr. Patriotism Honor Roll essay contest is: ***“What the Words in the Pledge of Allegiance Mean to Me.”*** We will be evaluating **research** as well as **personal opinions** (complexity will differ at each grade level).

It is hoped that many children will tender creative compositions to their teachers (if you are a 2017 selected school), or online (if you are not in the Maryland area, or you are not a 2017 selected school). **Essays should include some research and resource information in support of the opinions expressed in your composition.**

Teachers, please choose the three “best” per grade level applicants, and prepare your submission package as outlined below and mail to ***Ms. Mary Connors, Chairperson; Living American Flag Contest; 9110 Covered Bridge Road; Parkville, MD 21234*** by April 1, 2017. Online applicants, please write the word **ONLINE** on your submission page, and forward as directed above. All online (includes home-schools) entries will be judged as one category, three grade levels.

Submission Package Prerequisites/Organization:

1. Student compositions shall be **original handwritten** copies.
It is suggested that teachers make copies for their records.
2. Each student composition shall have a **title** at the top and the writer’s name, grade level, school name and address at the bottom.
3. Your school’s total submission package (or your personal online package) will be “covered” with a completed *Philip F. Haxel Sr. Patriotism Honor Roll Response Form*, which is included.
4. Your submission package will be acknowledged upon receipt by Ms. Connors.

The contest committee will examine submissions from all **FOUR categories** based on content, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and handwriting.

STEP 1 - CATEGORIES: The 2017 participating schools: **(ONE)** Public School in **Baltimore County**, **(TWO)** Public School in **Baltimore City**. One winner will be chosen from each 3rd, 4th & 5th grade level per school. **(THREE) Online:** One winner will be chosen from each 3rd, 4th & 5th grade level submissions. ALL winners will be notified by May 3, 2017. These winners will receive from The American Flag Foundation a Philip F. Haxel, Sr. Patriotism Honor Roll Certificate recognizing their achievement.

STEP 2: One “over-all” winner from each school (and from online) – 3 possible winners – will be chosen as the “Baton of Patriotism” winners, and awarded a unique plaque acknowledging their accomplishment, as well as public recognition on The American Flag Foundation’s website. The winners may even meet the Orioles Bird on-field!

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Linda Bishop, Operations Administrator (cell) 410-591-6758 or email linda@americanflagfoundation.org.



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The Philip F. Haxel Sr. Patriotism Honor Roll Response Form

Please return this form with your selections below no later than **April 1, 2017**

I, _____ (educator*) am submitting compositions from the following students to the Philip F. Haxel Sr. Patriotism Honor Roll contest. His/Her name will appear as listed below:

****ONLINE SUBMISSIONS: Please put your name in the applicable grade category, and write "ONLINE" in the educator space at top of form.***

Grade 3

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2
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Grade 4

1
2
3

Grade 5

1
2
3

School Name _____

School Address _____

Principal _____

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Please return form and entries to:

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