

GRADE	Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5	Column6	Column7	Column8
3	Place	School	Teacher	Name	Address			
	First	Almond	Tammy Reilly	Cooper Han	235 Verano Drive	Los Altos	CA	94022
	Second	Loyola	Tracy Grinberg	Ashwin Itty	10511 Magdalena Rd.	Los Altos	CA	94024
	Third	Loyola	Leslie Rainforth	Alexandra Sakamoto	12195 Winton Way	LAH	CA	94024
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	First	Gardner Bullis	Ms. Ascari	John Selden	656 Palm Ave.	Los Altos	CA	94022
	Second	Heritage	Rebecca Milco	Audrey Hollenbeck	168 Irene Court	Mtn. View	CA	94043
	Third	Heritage	Rebecca Milco	Carly Schwaab	832 Orange Ave.	San Carlos	CA	94070
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	First	Gardner Bullis	Cathy Moss	Alexander Hongrui Shen	181 Santa Rita Ct.	Los Altos	CA	94022
	Second	Loyola	Rebecca Taylor	Annie Schwartz	1530 Frontero Ave.	Los Altos	CA	94024
	Third	Gardner Bullis	Cathy Moss	Abby Hyver	12366 Priscilla Lane	LAH	CA	94022
		Covington	Courtney Mase	Parisa Braun	634 Stardust Lane	Los Altos	CA	94024
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	First	Almond	Mr. Stuart	Emily Han	235 Verano Drive	Los Altos	CA	94022
	Second	Gardner Bullis	Tasha Radford	Alec Van Kerckhove	473 W. Portola Ave.	Los Altos	CA	94022
	Third	Gardner Bullis	Tasha Radford	Clarke Ian Avery	27071 Dezahara Wy	LAH	CA	94022

Margaret Thompson Essay Contest
 Essay Count 2016

	A	B	C	D	E
1	GRADE	SCHOOL	TEACHER	QUANTITY	
2					
3	6th	Canterbury	Laura Aue	4	
4		Springer	Beth Rubenstein	2	
5		Almond	Mrs Stuart	1	
6		Pinewood	Mrs Blaich	14	
7		Pinewood	Gina Meter	30	
8		Gardner Bullis	Tasha Radford	24	
9		Gardner Bullis	Vanesa Jordan	22	
10				TOTAL	97
11					
12					
13	5th	Almond	Joe Chase	14	
14		Almond	Mrs Koh	2	
15		Bullis Charter	Sara Fernandez	1	
16		Covington	Courtney Mase	3	
17		Loyola	Mrs Cho	1	
18		Loyola	Dorn & Long	2	
19		Loyola	Mrs Taylor	12	
20		Pinewood	Tammy Gardner	37	
21		Gardner Bullis	Mrs Moss	29	
22		Gardner Bullis	CJ Evenhuis	28	
23				TOTAL	129
24					
25					
26	4th	Oak	Mrs Cavanaugh	28	
27		Gardner Bullis	Jenna Ascari	27	
28		Gardner Bullis	Mrs Pinder	22	
29		Heritage	Rebecca Milco	8	
30		Springer	Ms Hultberg	2	
31		Springer	Ms McLean	1	
32		Covington	Laura Figone	27	
33		Loyola	Ms Taylor	12	
34		Loyola	Ms Peters	1	
35		Pinewood	Mrs Johnson	3	
36		Oak	Valerie Hu	30	
37				TOTAL	161
38					
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41					
42					

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	A	B	C	D	E
43					
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45					
46	3rd	Springer	Kathy Panec	2	
47		Springer	Ms Jones	3	
48		Springer	Lammay/Hayden	1	
49		Loyola	Ellen St Armand	3	
50		Loyola	Leslie Rainforth	5	
51		Loyola	Tracy Grinberg	13	
52		Covington	Mrs Kibble	1	
53		Almond	Tammy Reilly	1	
54		Gardner Bullis	Mrs Arnold	22	
55		Gardner Bullis	Kristina Chmelka	24	
56				TOTAL	75
57					
58				Grand Total	462



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32nd Annual Margaret Thompson Historical Essay Contest
3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Graders

2016 Theme – Traditions and Stories that Celebrate Your Ancestry

Background:

The Los Altos History Museum's current exhibit, "Spirits Return: Cultural Traditions Keeping Memories Alive," highlights how human beings all over the world follow traditions by which they honor and celebrate their ancestors. While the exhibit focuses on loved ones who have passed on, we all tell stories about our family members, whether they are living or deceased, so that we can feel connected to our heritage. Traditions and stories help us stay connected and cultivate a sense of identity and nurture values of family loyalty and pride.

Every family has traditions and stories that they like to tell each other. How do you honor and celebrate your family members and/or ancestors? What stories have been shared in your family? Sharing our traditions and stories stimulates an awareness that we are more alike than different.

Writing Prompt:

Think about a *tradition* that is special to your family. Think about *stories* that are specific to members of your family or ancestors. Interview or talk to a family member about these stories or traditions. Write an essay that tells others about your family tradition or ancestral story. As you write, develop an essay with an organized flow of ideas, use interesting vocabulary, and communicate your story or tradition in a creative manner.

Win Cash Prizes

1st Place - \$50 2nd Place - \$30 3rd Place - \$20
3 Winners Per Grade Level!

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Rubric for Scoring
2016 Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

There will be a total of 30 points possible for an essay. These points will be allotted according to the following criteria:

1. Topic sentence clearly identifies and supports essay prompt 5 points

2. Ideas 10 points
 - Establish a clear focus
 - Use descriptive language
 - Provide relevant information
 - Communicate ideas in a creative manner

3. Expression 10 points
 - Use grammar conventions (mechanics) effectively
 - Use interesting vocabulary
 - Use a variety of sentences

4. Organization 5 points
 - Demonstrate a sequential flow of ideas
 - Bring closure to your ideas