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GROWSMART LITERACY COMPETITION 2018

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

Introduction

Growsmart is an inter-school Literacy, Maths, Science, Story writing and Debating competition for learners in Grades 4, 5 and 6. It is a Growthpoint Properties corporate social responsibility initiative and is supported by the Western Cape Education Department. The broad purpose of the competition is to promote the importance of literacy in a practical and fun way that will benefit both the schools and their learners.

One hundred and fifty schools have been selected by the WCED to participate in the 2018 competition. Two launch presentations will be held on 1 February and 2 February for the various participating Metro Districts in order to help team mentors prepare for the competition. Please make arrangements for transport on this day as you will be receiving the practise and first editions of the Growsmart newspaper at the launch. Not receiving the paper on this day could set your school at a disadvantage.

Launch date:

February 1 - South and Central

February 2 - North and East

Growsmart Literacy competition

Each school may select three learners from the pool of learners in Grades 4, 5 and 6. This team will represent your school in the Growsmart Literacy competition. The competition rounds will begin on 6 May and will run over a number of months, culminating in the grand finale which will take place on Saturday, 15 September. Your team will compete at least once on a Saturday in Level 1 and, if they win that competition round, they will advance to Level 2 and will compete again in August. If they win that semi-final round, they will advance to the final round.

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Eligibility

- Only the 150 selected and Growsmart-registered schools from Metro Districts East, North, South and Central may participate in Growsmart.
- Each school shall select three learners from Grades 4, 5 and 6 to form a team and represent their school in the Growsmart Literacy competition, and three other learners from the same grades will each submit a story for the Story Writing competition. There will also be Debating, Science and Maths competitions, with three other learners for each competition - see separate documents for those competitions. This means that if your school competes in all five competitions, you will have 15 learners from your school competing for Growsmart prizes.
- Important note: If a learner competed in a previous year's Growsmart competition, that learner may not compete again this year.
- Learners may not compete in Growsmart unless their parents or legal guardians have signed the Growsmart Indemnity Form.
- Teams must arrive on time for their competition rounds or they may be disqualified from the competition. Teams not arriving at all will be prohibited from participating in the next three years of the competition.
- Any contestant or school not in compliance with the eligibility requirements may be disqualified from the competition. Up to four months after the competition has ended, any school or contestant found not to have been eligible may forfeit their prizes or benefits received.

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Literacy competition format

- The competition will take place over four different competition levels on Saturdays.
 - Level 1: 150 teams compete to see who will advance to the next level. Each school will compete only once in Level 1. The winning teams will advance to Level 2.
 - Level 2: The teams compete to see who will advance to the semi-final. Each school will compete only once in Level 2. Eight winning teams will advance to the semi-final.
 - Semi-final: The teams compete to determine which five schools will advance to the final round. The learners in the final five teams will be entered into the Education Department's National Spelling Bee, which will take place on 1 September 2018. A National Spelling Bee workshop will be conducted on the same day.
 - The final: The final five schools will compete to determine the overall winning team and the second- and third-placed schools.
- Each participating school must select their three learners who will form the school team. This can be done through a series of preliminary competitions at the school, conducted by teachers at class level, inter-class level and grade level. The school has the discretion as to how all learners can be encouraged to participate in the selection stage.
- The competition will focus on English literacy. Growsmart newspapers will be produced from which the bulk of the competition questions will be drawn, the content of which will include various subjects in the curriculum. There will be a practise edition, which you can use for selecting your teams, plus three other editions which will follow prior to each competition level. The concepts will be expanded through stories and activities to be used for reading practice, enjoyment and comprehension.

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- The newspapers will be distributed to the participating schools before each competition level in order to prepare all learners for the competition. As this is a whole school approach, there will be sufficient newspapers for each learner in Grades 4, 5 and 6 and, because the content covers various subjects, they can be used by all learning area teachers in daily lessons.
- Words and questions used in the competition will be drawn from the Growsmart newspapers. Level 1 will be based on the first edition, Level 2 will be based on the first and second editions, and the semi-final and final will be based on the first, second and third editions. Contestants should prepare themselves by studying all the words found in the newspaper, and checking their understanding of both spelling and definition.
- In the competition, the teams will be given words to spell, define and use in a sentence. There will also be a buzzer round in which spelling and other newspaper-related questions will be asked (such as nouns, verbs and idioms). The team to buzz first will get to answer.
- Points will be allocated to teams for correct answers. In the buzzer round only, points will be deducted for incorrect answers. Points will also be deducted if a team presses the buzzer before the question is asked. The team with the most points at the end of the competition round will be the winner and will advance to the next level.
- There will be a quizmaster who will conduct each round of the competition.
- A panel of judges will provide oversight and will have the final say in terms of answers and in the case of any disputes or disagreements, rule-breaking or generally unacceptable behaviour relating to the competition rounds. The judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence, including from the audience, will be entered into in this regard.
- Two scorekeepers will keep track of the points allocated to, or deducted from, each team.

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- Each school must select a team mentor for the duration of the competition. The mentor will be the Growsmart coordinator for the school and will ensure that their team is adequately prepared. The mentor will arrange for the selection of team members, obtain consent from parents or legal guardians, ensure the team's preparation for each competition round and arrange transportation for the team to the competition venue. Mentors may gather their team members together on special occasions for revision and practise if they so choose.
- The winning school will receive the following prizes, courtesy of Growthpoint Properties:

Winning school

- An iSchoolAfrica iPad Learning Programme valued at more than R250 000
- The three team members receive approved educational assistance valued at R20 000 each
- The team's mentor receives a R10 000 shopping voucher

2nd place school

- Approved improvements to the school premises valued at R50 000
- The three team members receive approved educational assistance valued at R10 000 each
- The team's mentor receives a R5 000 shopping voucher

3rd place school

- Approved improvements to the school premises valued at R25 000
- The three team members receive approved educational assistance valued at R5 000 each
- The team's mentor receives a R3 000 shopping voucher

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Competition rounds

Level 1

Dates and districts:

- 5 May for mixed districts
- 12 May for mixed districts
- 19 May for mixed districts
- 26 May for mixed districts
- 2 June for mixed districts

Venue: Oude Molen Academy of Science and Technology

Level 2

Dates:

- 4 August for Maths and Literacy competition winners of Level 1.

Venue: Oude Molen Academy of Science and Technology

Semi-final

Date:

- 25 August for winners of Level 2.

Venue: Oude Molen Academy of Science and Technology

Final

Date:

- 15 September

Venue: The Lookout, V&A Waterfront

Further details will be communicated to all the participating schools as we approach Level 1 of the competition. Should you have any queries at all, please don't hesitate to contact me on the cellphone number below. All the best!

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