



“Invest in Me: I am Your Future” (*What I want to be when I grow up...*)

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS **(Please read before you hand these out to the students!)**

The Redwood City Education Foundation (RCEF) is sponsoring an essay contest in partnership with the Redwood City Civic Cultural Commission’s annual drawing contest this winter. The essay contest is an integral part of the RCEF’s annual Benefit for a Brighter Future fund raiser, which this year will be held April 24, 2009. The theme for the event is **“Invest in a Dream”** and follows the idea of **“Invest in Me: I am Your Future (What I want to be when I grow up...)”**. This is also the theme for the essay and drawing contest.

The students of Redwood City elementary schools have the opportunity to participate in either or both of these contests. The forms for each contest will go out at the same time and the deadline is the same. The drawing contest is sponsored by the RWC Civic Cultural Commission, and they will have their own judging and prizes and award ceremony. The RCEF essay contest will have separate judging, prizes and award ceremony. In addition, the RCEF will display highlight selected essays and drawings at the Benefit for a Brighter Future 2009.

The RCEF will award prizes to public school students for the essay contest based on grade:

- All kindergarten through 3rd grade participants will receive a certificate of participation and a \$10 gift certificate towards a class from the Redwood City Park and Recreation activity catalog.
- The 4th through 8th grade participants will compete for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. These prizes will be a U.S. Savings Bonds for the student’s post high school education, \$200 for 1st place, \$100 for 2nd place and \$50 for 3rd place.

We hope you can help promote this essay contest. Here are some suggestions to help:

- As part of a TIG time assignment
- Extra credit for language arts
- Homework assignment

This is a voluntary project but we hope to have a high participation in both the drawing and essay contests. Your support will be invaluable.

Key Facts and Dates

Essay and drawing contest forms go out to all students
Deadline for BOTH contests
Extra forms for the essay contest can be downloaded at

Week of January 5th
Thursday, February 5th @ 3PM
www.rcef.org/essaycontest

***RCEF and the RWC Civic Cultural Commission
thank you for helping to promote these contests!***

We are grateful for the support and participation of the Redwood City Parks and Recreation Department and the Redwood City School District in this project.