

SECTION 1 - ESSAY CONTEST

SPECIAL INFORMATION:

1. Grade Level as of June 1 of current year.
2. Only one essay may be submitted per student.
3. 2026 Theme: "If I could be anything in the world, I would be _____ because _____."
4. Entry must be legibly hand written, printed or typed on standard 8.5" x 11" paper.
5. Entry should have student's name and grade level noted at either top or bottom of paper.
6. Entry must not exceed 200 words in length.
7. Kindergarten & Grade 1 - contest is an Art & Essay contest in these groups. Size of paper is not an issue. Paper should have unlined space at top for artwork and have guidelines on lower part for student to print on. The top of the entry paper should contain the student's art work consistent with the theme. The lower part should contain the essay portion. An essay at this level only needs to be one or two sentences.
8. Entry must be mailed to: **GDS Fair Essay Contest, 457 Crestmont Drive, Newfoundland, PA 18445** and be **postmarked no later than August 1.**
9. There is no fee to enter this contest.
10. Winners will be notified prior to the Fair and invited to attend a presentation ceremony during the Fair. Winners will receive a ribbon and a premium check.
11. For more information, contact: Jon DeEsch at (272) 253-5210 or email at jon.deesch@gmail.com

Premium:	1st - \$5.00	2nd - \$4.00	3rd - \$3.00	4th - \$2.00	5th - \$1.00		
22308	Kindergarten (see add'l rules)	22311	Grade 3	22314	Grade 6	22317	Grade 9
22309	Grade 1 (see add'l rules)	22312	Grade 4	22315	Grade 7	22318	Grade 10
22310	Grade 2	22313	Grade 5	22316	Grade 8	22319	Grade 11 & 12

SECTION 2 - KIDS PEDAL PULL

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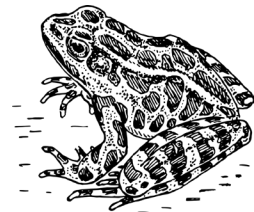
1. Contest is for Youth, ages 8 and under.
2. Tractor and Sled will be provided.
3. All ties decided by pull-off.
4. Trophy to winner in each class.
5. Ribbons given to all participants.
6. Registration will occur 1/2 hour before each contest. No registrations accepted after the start of the event.
7. For more information, contact: Fair Office at 570-676-4047

Competition Classes will be by Age

SECTION 2 - FROG JUMPING CONTEST

SPECIAL INFORMATION:

1. Contest is for ages 15 and under.
2. Registration 1/2 hour before contest begins.
3. Classes will be according to ages, by number of entries.
4. Ribbons given for each class and winner of Grand Finale.
5. Each contestant must furnish own frog.
6. Frogs cannot compete in more than one class with different trainers.
7. For more information, contact: Laina Racine at (908) 938-1814 or lainaracine@gmail.com



SECTION 2 - PIE EATING CONTEST

SPECIAL INFORMATION:

1. Contest is open to Youth and Adults.
2. Classes set by age for children. Open class for adults.
3. Prizes given to each class.
4. No pre-registration required.
5. For more information, contact: Laina Racine at (908) 938-1814 or lainaracine@gmail.com

SECTION 2 - HS MARCHING BAND COMPETITION

SPECIAL INFORMATION:

1. Bands will be judged on a) Appearance, b) Musical Showcase, c) Overall Performance
2. For more information, contact: Fair Office at 570-676-4047

Premium: 1st - \$300.00 each night