



Celebrate Fremont  
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To: All Fremont Teachers  
From: Moina Shaiq, Education Team Chair, Celebrate Fremont!  
Re: Oral History Projects  
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Celebrate Fremont is a community volunteer organization formed to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the city of Fremont. Throughout 2006, Celebrate Fremont is sponsoring activities and events featuring the past, present and future of Fremont. The next major event will be two-day Celebrate Fremont @ the Park Festival on Sept. 9-10 in Central Park.

The Celebrate Fremont Education Team has invited students, teachers and families to participate in a number of activities to help students understand and appreciate the rich history and exciting future of their city. The first activity was a fall art contest. The second was a spring writing contest.

The next activity will be an oral history project. For purposes of the school activity, an oral history is an account of the experiences and impressions of an individual Fremont resident recorded by a Fremont student. The subject of the interview may be a friend, a family member or anyone else who wants to talk about Fremont, whether they have lived here all their lives or are new residents.

Entries may be in writing or may be recorded on audio or video tape. The committee also is accepting theatrical skits based on a Fremont resident's account of his or her life in Fremont.

The maximum length for written entries is 1,000 words. Audio tapes, videotapes and performances should be no longer than 5 minutes.

**Entries are due June 7, 2006.** After you have collected all the entries from your class, please label them with the student's name, grade level, teacher and school on a sheet of paper that can be kept separate from the interview materials for anonymous judging. The interview should not identify the school the student attends, but the student may appear on a videotape or be heard on an audio tape and may be identified by name if it is integral to the interview.

Send entries to the Celebrate Fremont Education Team, c/o FUSD Communications Director Gary Leatherman, 4210 Technology Drive, Fremont, CA 94538. FUSD teachers may use district mail.

All contestants will receive a certificate of participation and the Education Team will award prizes for the best entries at various grade levels citywide. Projects will be kept to be played or displayed at the Celebrate Fremont @ the Park Festival and returned to students following the festival.

Guidelines are on the reverse side of this memo. For further information about the oral history contest, please write the Fremont Education Team at: [education@celebratefremont.org](mailto:education@celebratefremont.org) or call 659-2594.