This poster contest is COMPLETELY OPTIONAL!!!!!!

The Four Way Test
Of what we think, say and do...

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

January 2020

Dear Sparks Elementary School Students and their Families (Grades 3-5 ONLY),

The Rotary Club of Hunt Valley is excited to once again sponsor the Four-Way Test Contest for 2020.

This year, our school will feature an ethics program that has been described by its creator as “24 words that will change your life.” That quote describes the Four-Way Test, which is the code of ethics for Rotary Clubs around the world and the one right here in the Hunt Valley area.

We are asking 3rd- through 5th-grade students to create a poster that addresses all four elements of the Four-Way Test, which are:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

You will need a half of a piece of poster board paper – 22” x 14”. This can be purchased at the Dollar Store, Target, Staples, etc. There will be a first, second and third place winner in each grade, and prize money ($40 for first, $30 for second and $20 for third) will be awarded. You can also request poster board from Mrs. Oates. This is a poster contest for elementary school students, and it is up to your child to complete the poster independently. You can discuss ideas with your child and get him or her off to a good start. You may be asking yourself, “Does my child need to be an artist to enter?” The answer is most certainly, “No.”

Students can cut and paste magazine pictures, computer generated pictures and words, pictures from coloring books, newspapers, wallpaper, foam cut-outs or recycled art projects, as long as they communicate the core values of the Four-Way Test. Students can use markers, crayons, colored pencils, paint, glitter or any other conventional or unconventional art supply. Please use poster board paper.

The Rotary Club of Hunt Valley will judge the entries based on the following criteria:

- All four questions must appear on the poster.
- How the four questions of the Four-Way Test are addressed.
- A slogan or title must be used to tie the concept together.
- Quality designs that include neat, bright and colorful illustrations must fill the poster.

Students must return their entry to Mrs. Oates’ office by Thursday, February 27th 2020. It is important that all entries include the student’s name, grade and teacher’s name. The Hunt Valley Rotary Club will pick up all entries and determine the winners from each grade. Student winners will be announced in early April. If you have questions please send an email to info@huntvalleyrotary.org. Thank you for participating!