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GROWSMART LITERACY COMPETITION 2020

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Introduction

Growsmart is an educational programme that hosts inter-school competitions in Literacy, Story Writing & Poetry, Mathematics and Science for learners in Grades 4, 5, and 6. A Debating competition is also hosted for learners in Grade 6. A pilot competition in Entrepreneurship is also being hosted for learners in Grade 6 in 2020. It is a corporate social responsibility initiative by Growthpoint Properties and is supported by the Western Cape, Eastern Cape, and Limpopo Education Departments. The broad purpose of the competition is to promote the importance of education in a practical and fun way that will benefit both the schools and their learners.

The Literacy competition will run alongside the normal Growsmart Story Writing & Poetry, Mathematics, Science, Debating and Entrepreneurship competitions, although it will be completely separate from these.

Growsmart Literacy competition

The Literacy competition is compulsory.

Growsmart newspapers will be produced from which the competition questions will be drawn. The content of the newspapers will include various subjects from the CAPS curriculum and should be used in classrooms as part of daily lessons.

Each participating school must select the three learners from Grades 4, 5, and 6 who will form the school team for each competition. 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 to decide how all learners can be encouraged to participate in the selection stage.

The mentors will be the coordinators for their elected competitions and they will ensure that their teams are adequately prepared.

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There will be a Practise Edition of the Growsmart newspaper, which is designed to be used for selecting your candidates, 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.

The mentor will obtain consent from the parents or legal guardians of each participating learner, ensure the team prepares adequately for each competition round, and arrange transportation for the team to and from the competition venue.

The team that is enrolled with Growsmart will represent your school in the Growsmart Literacy competition.

Two launch presentations will be held on **5 and 6 February 2020** for the various participating Metro Districts in order to help principals and team mentors to prepare for the upcoming competitions. 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.

The competition rounds will begin on **9 May 2020** and will run over a number of months, culminating in the grand finale which will take place on Saturday, **5 September 2020**. Your team will compete at least once on a Saturday in Level 1 and will advance to Level 2 should they win their round. Should they win Level 2, they will proceed to quarter-finals (if necessary) and semi-finals. Winning the semi-final round will result in your team advancing to the final round.

The competition rounds will take place at Oude Molen Academy of Science and Technology in Pinelands and run concurrently with other Growsmart competitions.

Literacy competition format

- The competition will take place over four different competition levels on Saturdays.
 - Level 1: All registered 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.

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- Level 2: The teams compete to see who will advance to the semi-final. Each school will compete only once in Level 2. Winning teams will advance to the (quarter-finals first, if necessary) semi-final.
 - Quarter-finals: (if necessary) The teams compete to determine which eight schools will advance to the semi-final round.
 - Semi-final: The teams compete to determine which five schools will advance to the final round. All participating learners in the semi-final will be entered into the Education Department's Provincial Spelling Bee which will take place on **29 August 2020**.
 - The final: The final five schools will compete to determine the overall winning team and the second- and third-placed schools.
- 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.
 - 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 quarter-finals (if necessary), 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 newspapers and checking their understanding of the definition by way of dictionary work and correct placement in a sentence.
 - 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.

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- 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.
- A timekeeper will monitor that the buzzer round is timed.

An electronic online registration form will be emailed to your school for the enrolment of your learners in February 2020. The closing date for registration will be 20 March 2020.

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 do not hesitate to contact us on the phone numbers below. All the best!

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