

Light the Spark



Mehlville School District

Essay Contest Rules

The tips listed below are designed to meet the contest objective of helping students recognize people in their lives who have been champions of their spark; the people who have gone above and beyond to nurture and “Light the Spark”.

-Write about a person who has helped you to develop your spark; a person who has nurtured your passion. Please detail how they have supported you in your interest and helped you to identify your spark and make it grow. The judges will value emotional content over grammar and sentence structure.

- Examples of “Spark Lighters” may be parents, coaches, teachers, neighbors, youth group leaders etc. Famous people will not qualify as “Spark Lighters” unless they have a direct, personal impact on your life.

-Essays should not be longer than one page, double spaced, 11 font size. They may be typed or hand-written.

-30 essays will be recognized at the district level. Essay winners and their “Spark Lighters” will be notified in February.

-Essays must be returned to your teacher by February 13, 2014.

“Sparks-when illuminated and nurtured-give young people joy, energy, and direction...They have the power to change a young person’s life from one of surviving to thriving.”

-Dr. Peter Benson