

October 29, 2010

Dear Parents,

The Area 9 State Speech Contest is quickly approaching! Here is all of the information that you need to be aware of. Please read this carefully. **Attached** you will find rounds with the events and room numbers. The IESA assigns each school to an area. Our area includes the following schools:

Peoria Academy
Peoria Heights GS
Peoria Heights St. Thomas
Peoria Hollis
Peoria Norwood
Peoria Pleasant Valley
Peoria Roosevelt
Peoria Washington Gifted

Area 9 is hosted this year by **Norwood Elementary in Peoria**. The contest will be held **Friday, November 5, 2010**. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. Rounds will be as follows:

Round 1- 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Round 2- 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Round 3- 7:00-7:45 p.m.

Round 4- 8:00-8:45 p.m.

Directions--**Norwood Elementary** is located at **6521 W. Farmington Rd.** Take 474 to the Farmington Rd. exit. Turn right at the stop sign, then left at the next stoplight. You will see the school on the right hand side of the road.

Parking-- Parents, coaches, spectators and principals may park in the general Norwood parking lot. There are more spaces around the West side of the building. Additional parking is also located at the Second Baptist Church, next door to the school.

Admission Fee--All parents and spectators will be charged an **admission fee** per the IESA. It is \$2.00 for adult entry, \$1.00 for child entry (non-speech participant).

Concessions--**Concessions** will be available for students and spectators in the cafeteria. It is requested that all food and drink be kept in the cafeteria. I do not have details about concession offerings at this point. I was informed, however, that no items will cost over \$4.00. Concessions will close at 8:15 p.m., after the last round has begun. Again, if you're planning on letting your child buy concessions, don't forget to send money.

T-shirt Sales--There will be IESA t-shirt sales the night of the contest at Norwood. This will be located in the gym. I was not given any information about the cost of the t-shirts.

Rules—

- **Participants will not** be allowed in the room once the door is closed.
- **Participants must stay** in the room until the session is finished.
- Time in-between each session is to be used for passing.
- Any **spectator** must be in the room before the session begins.
- **Spectators must stay** in the room until the session is finished.
- **All participants and spectators must remain quiet in the rooms.**

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Results

- Results will be posted the night of the contest
- Each school's results will be posted separately, in the gym. There will be a results poster for each school.
- Medals/awards will be given to the team coach at the end of the night.

Again, please don't forget that there is a certain decorum that is expected of both the participants and the spectators. We want to make sure that Peoria Academy is well represented at all times. You have no idea of the impression (good or bad) that can be made on others.

Thank you so much for reviewing this information. If you have any other questions for me, please feel free to send me an email. If this information should get lost, *you should be able to access it on the school website*. I am looking forward to a great night on Friday, November 5!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Friedrich
Speech Coach