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CHARLES WESLEY TURNBULL REGIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARY ESSAY CONTEST

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces that the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums (DLAM) is hosting an essay contest for students from K-12 in the St. Thomas district titled, "THE PERSON BEHIND THE MASK ESSAY CONTEST." The topic for the contest is COVID-19: How has it affected you and/or your family. THE PERSON BEHIND THE MASK ESSAY CONTEST will allow students to express their thoughts, feelings, and experiences about the pandemic in word and in art form.

Here are the rules for each grade level and judging criteria:

**K-2nd grade:** Write a total of 3 sentences with each sentence describing a different emotion (i.e.: happy, sad, mad, etc. & draw a picture showing one of the emotions).

**3rd-6th grade:** Write an essay about your experience during Covid-19, using 50 words or less, entitled "THE PERSON BEHIND THE MASK," and draw a picture corresponding to the essay.

**7th-12th grade:** Write an essay about your experience during Covid-19, using 60-100 words, entitled "THE PERSON BEHIND THE MASK," and draw a picture corresponding to the essay.

All essays and drawings must be turned in by 4p.m on Wednesday, December 23, 2020. Winners will be announced on Friday, January 08, 2021. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 winners of each grade level. Participant must include a cover page with their name, grade, school, and contact information. Your essay can be submitted at Charles Wesley Turnbull Regional Public Library in Tutu or online to: dlam_trg@dpnr.vi.gov.