Black History Month: Put Your Stamp on It

The U.S. Postal Service considers suggestions for stamp subjects that celebrate the American experience. There is a list of criteria to determine whether a stamp design will be considered for eligibility for production (e.g. stamp must feature American or American related subjects, should honor extraordinary and enduring contributions to American society, history, culture or environment, etc.).

Description of the Activity: In this activity, you will create an original design for a postage stamp to commemorate Black History Month. You will be provided with four (4) elements that must be included in the design. The rest of the design is up to you. In addition to the stamp design, you will respond to two (2) questions. The response to each question is required to be at least 3-4 sentences in length in order to earn SSL credit.

The stamp designs will be posted (anonymously) on the PTA bulletin board at Hoover for students to view.

How SSL Hours Are Earned: Each student will earn up to two and one half (2.5) SSL hours upon completion of this activity (0.50 SSL hour for each of four [4] stamp elements and 0.25 SSL hour for each response to the two [2] questions).

Deadline for this activity is: Friday, March 4, 2022

If you have any questions, please contact Hoover MS PTA at: HooverMSPTA@gmail.com

Please submit ALL the below REQUIRED information and responses to: HooverMSPTAwhm@gmail.com. In the subject line of the email write "BHM: Put Your Stamp on It."

1) Student Last Name

2) Student First Name

3) Grade

4) Student's email address (Do NOT use your MCPS student email address. If you do not have a personal email, provide the email address of your parent/guardian. We need and email address to send your SSL form.)

5) Submit stamp design. The four (4) elements to be included in the stamp are:

   a) The stamp should commemorate Black History Month.
   b) The stamp should feature American or American related subjects or the subject had significant impact on American history, culture, or environment.
   c) The stamp should depict positive contributions to American life, history, culture and environment.
   d) The stamp should be original, creative, and inspire others.

6) Question One – Explain your design and how it commemorates Black History Month. *Response is required to be at least 3-4 sentences in length in order to earn SSL credit.**

7) Question Two – Reflect on what you hope your design will represent, inspire, change, etc. in your community. **Response is required to be at least 3-4 sentences in length in order to earn SSL credit.**