



DO THE RIGHT THING OF MIAMI, INC.

C/O CITY OF MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Teacher:

For the 36th consecutive year, the Miami Police Department is proud to sponsor the **Do The Right Thing Program**. The program is designed to positively impact the youth of our area by publicly recognizing those who distinguish themselves through their behavior and/or accomplishments.

Each month, as many as 1,000 children from Miami-Dade County are nominated by police officers, the public, and teachers for the **Do The Right Thing Award** on the basis of their exemplary behavior and attitude. Eleven monthly finalists are named and receive plaques and other prizes at a ceremony at the Miami Police Department with the Chief of Police and are featured on the DTRT website. An overall monthly "Special Recognition" winner in middle or high school **receives a trip to Washington, D.C. and** an overall monthly "Special Recognition" winner in elementary school **receives a trip to Rapids Water Park**. In order to reach as many children as possible and reinforce their positive behavior, **ALL STUDENTS NOMINATED** receive a certificate and congratulatory letter, two tickets to a Marlin's game, a bumper sticker, a free pizza from Papa John's, and a Do The Right Thing T-shirt.

STEP 1: You MUST use our online nomination process by logging onto our website, clicking on the "Nominate" button and completing the form. Students can only be nominated once a year and nominations are due by the 20th of each month unless otherwise noted (if the 20th falls on a weekend, the deadline is the Friday before).

STEP 2: Make sure your DTRT Coordinator is aware of who you nominated and how many per month so they can keep track. Please note that each school is limited to 15 nominations per month. Additionally, nominations must be specific and a minimum of four sentences.

We will notify your school's DTRT Coordinator by email if you have a Top Winner. The "Special Recognition" winners are announced at our monthly awards ceremony at Miami Police headquarters. **Additionally, your school should receive the prizes for the remaining nominees by the 20th of the following month through school mail (please be patient as they usually take about 2 weeks for delivery).** For example, October nominees will receive their prizes on or before November 20th.

If you have any questions, would like further information, or want to share your ideas about the program, please feel free to call 305-603-6957 or e-mail admin@dotherightthinginc.org. Thank you for your assistance in implementing the program and for helping your students continue to "do the right thing!"

Sincerely,

Ariadna Espinosa

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