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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Tulare County History Day 2005

Saturday, March 19, 2005 · Washington Intermediate School, Dinuba

Tulare County History Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2005, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Washington Intermediate School, located at 1250 N. Hayes, Dinuba. This year's theme is "**Communication in History: The Key to Understanding.**" Tulare County History Day culminates a year-long educational program of historical issues, ideas, people and events. Students may choose any topic in local, national or world history. Students conduct extensive research to investigate the historical significance of their topic in relation to the year's theme.

Students in three grade spans: 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12, analyze their findings, and then present them through one of the following categories: historical paper, exhibit, performance, documentary, historical website, or poster (for 4-5 grades only). Except for the paper category, students may collaborate in groups of up to five students, or they may work individually. At the event, their presentations are evaluated by local historians and educators who look for a balance of perspectives in the project and the types of research as evidenced in the bibliography.

The Tulare County Office of Education is proud to sponsor this event in conjunction with the Constitutional Rights Foundation. "The History Day program is structured in a competitive format, but most important are the rewards participants gain from developing their skills and new knowledge," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. "We also appreciate the fine efforts of our many volunteers who serve as coaches, judges and speakers for History Day," Vidak adds.

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Students who are selected from the Tulare County competition advance to the state event and potentially to the National History Day event, which occurs in June. The two winners in each category are eligible to compete in the state competition, which will be held in San Diego, on May 5-8, 2005. The University of Maryland will host National History Day on June 12-16, 2005.

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