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Dear Educator,

The Genealogical Society of South Brevard is sponsoring their 13th annual Student Family History Contest.

Students from 4-6th and 7-8th grades are asked to participate by writing a family history paper. Past experience has shown that this opportunity provides incentive to the student to talk with their parents, grandparents and other relatives about their family's personal history. Through this communication the student develops an appreciation of their ancestors and how it relates to their own family now. Additionally, many skills needed for success in school are involved in this project.

Skills such as:

- framing questions
- oral interview – speaking/listening
- locate/use resources
- independent learning on items of personal interest
- generates new frame(s) of reference between student and history
- gathering data and summarizing
- creating a paper with interest and flow

Enclosed is a flyer detailing rules of the contest. We hope that you will encourage both teachers and students to participate. Speakers from the Genealogical Society of South Brevard will be delighted to speak with classes about the contest and about genealogy. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Gift cards to local bookstores will be awarded to first and second place winners for the two age groups.

Sincerely,

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