



Dear Teacher:

The *Young Patriot Challenge* (YPC) program is a countywide academic competition that was created by a committee of volunteers to help the schools of Merced County celebrate Constitution Week (September 13th-17th). For students in High School, we are having a *Speech contest*.

It is our hope that you will allow students time to engage in the activity (writing the speech or even giving it to their class) as part of their classroom activities during Constitution week. In order to enter the contest, we require the speech to be video recorded and uploaded to www.youtube.com. Our website has a page where the url for the video can be submitted.

Students that win second and third place in the countywide competition will receive awards consisting of a medal with ribbon, a certificate and a gift card. The first place winner will receive a medal with ribbon, certificate and a \$200 gift certificate. Winners will be honored along with their parents at a special Award Ceremony to be held on October 20, 2021.

Federal law requires all federally funded schools to teach lessons about the Constitution or have constitution related activities during Constitution week, so why not make it fun.

If you have any questions about this event, please call: 358-8404

All forms and information for the speech contest can be downloaded from the web page.

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