



15th Anniversary

the Power of One

2019 STATEWIDE TRIBUTE TO ROSA PARKS

October 11, 2019

Dear Principal Conley:

On December 1, 2019, the nation will stop to remember Rosa Parks, who on that day, 64 years ago, refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger in Montgomery, Alabama. That lonely act of defiance gave rise to a movement that put an end to legal segregation on public transit buses in America and made the world a better place for all people.

As you may know, Ohio is recognized as the first state to enact legislation making December 1 Rosa Parks' Day. So that people of all ages, and most especially children, may learn about this remarkable woman, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), and The Ohio State University have joined together to host a statewide tribute in her honor.

Congratulations, we have selected your school, grades K-3, to join us and participate in this year's Rosa Parks Children's Assembly.

Here is what we have planned:

The Ruby Bridges Story

Your students and teachers will gather with community leaders to honor Mrs. Parks by viewing this riveting play written by William Goldsmith and performed by the Columbus Children's Theatre. The Children's Assembly will be held Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 11:00 a.m. at the Southern Theatre located at 21 E. Main Street, Columbus, OH 43215

A children's art exhibition

Children aged 5-10 are invited to create their own works of art in connection with the theme, "If I had a chance..." We ask each participating school to select **five (5) drawings** to be included in the 2019 Statewide Tribute to Rosa Parks Children's Art Exhibition. Your choices should be delivered or mailed to the following address on or before November 8, 2019:

Central Ohio Transit Authority
Attention: Rosa Parks Children's Art Exhibition
c/o Diamond Zimmerman
33 N. High Street
Columbus OH 43215

Enclosed are the Art Exhibit guidelines and permission form to share with your art teachers. We have also provided the Ruby Bridges study guide with discussion topics and activities to try with your students pre and post show.

The Children's Assembly is free. Your transportation is free. You are, however, required to schedule your transportation to the Southern Theatre, 21 E. Main Street, Columbus 43215, by calling your City Schools' department of transportation. Instruct them to email the invoice directly to Diamond Zimmerman at zimmermandc@cota.com. We look forward to seeing you in December!