

Fourth grade Inupiat wins Martin Luther King contest

Joan M. Kane, a fourth grade pupil at Anchorage's Muldoon Elementary school, was one of 12 winners of the Anchorage School District's essay contest in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Joan is the daughter of Gene and Johanna Kane of Anchorage. Johanna Kane is originally of King Island.

A total of 296 essays were received

from throughout the school district on the subject, "What Freedom Means to Me."

In her essay, Joan expressed the similarities of traditional Inupiaq values with the black leader's pursuit of human rights. Joan was awarded a \$50 savings bond by the Anchorage School Board recently.



by Joan M. Kane

'What freedom means to me'

To me, Freedom is to be able to go to any school, live anywhere or go to any church. To live in America makes me feel proud to say I'm an American. A lot of times I think about the great Americans who have died to bring freedom to all of us. This time of year, I especially think about Dr. Martin Luther King. He gave his life so that people of every race, color or creed could live as equal members in the land that we love.

I feel very lucky to live in America. If I could have anything, I would choose to have peace and friendship among all Americans, forever.

I feel proud to live in America because Freedom is the ability to make choices and carry them out, and to say that we feel and to be what we want to be. All these we can do in our beautiful country, America.

To have rights. . .to live in America and to be myself means a lot to me.

As an Eskimo, I would like to especially thank Dr. King for what he has done for everybody. In our culture, everybody was equal. Dr. King brought that dream back home to everyone in America. That is what Freedom is to me.