

Creative Writers, INK Writing Tournament

***In case of a cancellation, the makeup date is TBA.**

1. The tournament will be open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.
2. Each school may bring up to six writers at each grade level. To make it easier to provide a complete team of six writers, a team may have younger writers but not older writers. (For example, a sixth grader may participate on a seventh grade team or eighth grade team but an eighth grader may not compete on a sixth grade team.)
3. We are planning to hold the tournament at the **NWOESC in Archbold.**
4. **Friday, February 8, 2018, will be the day of the competition.**
5. There will be four rounds of writing. The first three rounds will be individual rounds. They will be 30 minutes in length. The fourth round will be the team round with two teams of three writers. All of the team members (3) will work together to write the story. **The team round will be 40 minutes in length.**
6. The tournament will focus on individual writers. Medals and trophies will be awarded to the top writers at each grade level. We are currently planning to recognize the top 10 places at each grade level. The top three teams from each grade level will receive a trophy. Please provide one judge per team to judge the students' papers. Coaches may act as judges.
7. Prompts for the individual rounds will be created ahead of time. For example: *Beauty is only skin deep. Write a narrative based on that saying.*
8. Prompts for the team round will be created the day of the tournament by drawing from bags. There will be three bags: character(s), setting, and problem. Each school should bring one idea for each bag to the competition. Before each round, one idea will be drawn from each bag to create the

prompt. For example a nervous teenager (character) in the library (setting) lost his/her lucky _____ (problem).

9. After the first three rounds, we'll have lunch. During lunch, we will be able to score and determine our top 10 places for 6th, 7th and 8th grades. After lunch, we'll do the team round. We'll very quickly choose a first, second, and third place for each grade level. The team round will have no effect on the individual scores.

10. In the event of a tie between individual writers in first, second, or third positions, the writer who had the better positions in two of the three rounds will take the "tied" position and the other writer will take the next lower position. For example: Writer A had a 2,3,4 ranking and Writer B had a 1,2,6 ranking. Writer B would receive the better position because Writer B had a better rank in rounds one and two.

If a tie occurs in positions 4-9, both writers will be given that position and the next lower position will be eliminated. For example: Two writers tied for fifth place so no sixth place medal would be given.

If there is a tie for the tenth position, the same scenario would apply as did for first through third positions. (We have only seven medals available.)

11. Any questions: Contact Jane Foor at jfoor@pdys.org or 419.583.7736
Thanks so much for your patience as we try to improve this writing competition for students.