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DATE: September 5, 2018
TO: Kindergarten through 8th grade Teachers
FROM: Debra Lockwood, Library Media Supervisor
RE: *Young Authors' Faire 2019*

This year's Young Authors' Faire (YAF) will be held Monday, April 8 through Friday, April 12, 2019 in the lobby of TCOE's Administration Building at 6200 Mooney Boulevard in Visalia. As always, the general public is welcome to read and comment on the fantastic student authored and illustrated books.

YAF will be open:

Monday, April 8 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 9 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
plus YAF Reception - 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Family Members, Students, and Teachers are all welcome!

Wednesday, April 10 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 11 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday, April 12 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT PRE-EVENT DATES: Be sure to read this packet thoroughly.

Friday, February 22, 2019 – Online Registration DUE.

Fill out and submit this form (<http://bit.ly/YAFSchool>) to register your class/group to participate in YAF. **Please note:** The Master List and forms will be emailed to you once we receive your registration.

Monday, March 11, 2019 – All books, Master Lists and signed forms DUE.

Send entries to:

Educational Resource Services
ATTN: Juliana Davidian
7000 Doe Avenue, Suite A
Visalia, CA 93291

Monday, March 18, 2019 – Student reader sign ups begin.

Students may sign up to read their books aloud during this reception by emailing Juliana at juliana.davidian@tcoe.org. We have 10 reserved spots available and will also choose some volunteers from the audience at the reception.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Juliana Davidian at juliana.davidian@tcoe.org.

We look forward to your students' participation!



The purpose of the Young Authors' Faire (YAF) is to showcase original writing, in a variety of genres, by K-8th grade students. The YAF is for recognition, not competition.

Three ways to get involved:

First, encourage students to create written and illustrated work which you will submit. Second, invite administrators, teachers and parents to stop by the TCOE Lobby during the week of the Faire to read and comment on student's books. Written comments are a much anticipated and appreciated part of this event. Third, attend the YAF reception on Tuesday evening with your students and their families. Student(s) are encouraged to read their book(s) aloud at the reception, limited space is available, sign-ups begin Monday, March 18, 2019.

Once your online registration is received (<http://bit.ly/YAFSchool>) we will send a packet that includes forms and invitations.

Guidelines

1. YAF is open to all Kindergarten – 8th grade students in Tulare County.
2. Students may write narrative or expository texts. Genres include ABC books, picture books, poems, fairytales, folktales, myths, legends, mystery, historical fiction, fantasy, fables and biography.
3. **Please carefully consider the subject of your students' books.** During YAF, the Tulare County Office of Education is visited by hundreds of community members and students. Out of respect for this broad audience, books depicting drug or alcohol use, violence, bullying, gang activity, profanity, nudity, and/or adult themes **will not** be displayed.
4. Students are to:
 - create and organize the story idea
 - write and edit the book
 - illustrate and create the book
5. Students may use one of the following platforms to create an eBook: (font size 10+.)
 - a. Google (Presentation & Drawing)
 - b. Microsoft PowerPoint
 - c. *Contact us if there is another platform they'd like to try!*

Submit entries electronically via:

 - a. Email it to juliana.davidian@tcoe.org
 - b. Share it with juliana.davidian@ersconnect.org (Google)

****All regular rules apply to the Technology category****
7. Adults may act only as a recorder or typist for children who are too young to type for themselves.
8. Books may be written by one student, a small group of students working together, or an entire class of students.
9. Books may be written in any language or combination of languages.
10. Books can be any size, shape, or color. Some examples include:
 - a. shape books
 - b. pop-up books
 - c. big books
 - d. flip books
 - e. digital books

11. Books can be made from a variety of materials. Including, but not limited to:
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| a. fabric | d. wallpaper | g. tag board |
| b. burlap | e. construction paper | h. cardboard |
| c. felt | f. contact paper | i. leather |
12. A variety of techniques may be utilized when illustrating a book. Including, but not limited to:
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| a. paint | f. colored markers | k. ink |
| b. stenciling | g. colored pencils | l. wax resist |
| c. printing | h. yarn | m. torn paper |
| d. crayon | i. photographs | n. water color |
| e. chalk | j. collage | o. computer graphics |
13. Please note: Although we never judge a book by the cover, it has been our experience over the years that visually appealing books are read and commented on more frequently.
14. **After registering (<http://bit.ly/YAFSchool>) you will receive the following:**
- o **Master List Form** - please complete the attached Excel spreadsheet and email to Juliana.davidian@tcoe.org. *(Form must be typed to ensure accuracy of student names and book titles.)* All students MUST be listed by name (e.g. do not write "Mrs. Smith's 1st Grade Class" for a class book.) ***Double check the spelling of student's name as this is what we use for participation certificates.*
 - o **Author/Illustrator Media Release Form** - to be sent home and signed by each participant's parent/guardian, then submitted to us with your entries. We **must** have this form completed and on file in our office by **Monday, March 11, 2019**. If a student's release form is missing, we cannot display their work at YAF. This includes books authored by a group/class.
 - o **Mailing Label** - this must be attached to the outside of the box(es) you pack books in for delivery. *(Please type in the attached fillable form to ensure accuracy)*
 - o **Official Book Labels** - Each book needs one of these attached on the inside front cover. Electronic Books will need to include the following information on their title page... Book Title, Author's Name, Author's Grade, Author's Teacher, School & District. *(Please type in the attached fillable form to ensure accuracy of student names and book titles)*
 - o **Evening Reception Invitation** - please send this home with your participating students and also post in the school library, teacher's lounge, and school office.
 - o **"Dear Student Author" Letter** - please send this home with your participating students.
15. Hard copy books must be boxed and mailed or delivered to Tulare County Office of Education, Educational Resource Services, 7000 Doe Avenue, Suite A, Visalia, CA 93291, by **Monday, March 11, 2019** (Attention: Juliana Davidian). Electronic books have the same due date and should be emailed to juliana.davidian@tcoe.org or shared with juliana.davidian@ersconnect.org (Google). Your Master List and signed release forms are also due on this date. **Please be sure that each form is filled out correctly and COMPLETELY.**
16. All books will receive a YAF comment sheet adhered to the back cover and a YAF gold embossed seal. (Electronic book comment sheets will be available digitally.)
17. All student authors will receive a Certificate of Participation.
18. After Young Authors' Faire, books will be boxed and returned to the contact person at the school and district from which they were received.

Thank you for supporting your students' creativity!