

The Skillman Foundation Presents

Good Stuff for kids & families

Spring Into Writing Second Annual Young Authors' Writing Fair

This is the second year for public schools in the Brightmoor community to participate in the Young Authors' Writing Fair.

The conference is a celebration of the written work of children in Pre-kindergarten through Eighth grade. ♦ The purpose is to support classroom teachers in their efforts to encourage and improve students' abilities in writing, reading, listening and sharing, as well as to recognize the accomplishments of young authors. ♦ All children, including those with special needs, are encouraged to participate.

The schools participating this year are: **Burt Elementary, Gompers Elementary, Harding Elementary, Murphy and Vetal Elementary-Middle Schools**, and each school will be identified and represented by its school colors.



This event will promote student enthusiasm and competence through written communication. ♦ It focuses on the concept that students must be encouraged in their academic lives if they are to become effective communicators:

- Ten winners per grade level will be selected by their teachers and invited to attend a one-day fair on **May 2** where their writings will be displayed, discussed and recited in front of an audience at the **Brightmoor Community Center**.
- Each grade will have its own type of story to write and its own set of guidelines to follow. ♦ The children's work will be displayed in four divisions:
 - **Early Elementary** (PreK-1st Grade): Personal Narrative
 - **Middle Elementary** (Grades 2-3): Poetry or Narrative
 - **Later Elementary** (Grades 4-5): Poetry or Narrative
 - **Middle School** (Grades 6-8): Poetry or Narrative

- Students are inspired and encouraged by their interaction with successful, enthusiastic role models in writing.
- Students learn the importance of effective written communication.
- Students learn the power of the well-written word and the ways in which it can inform, inspire and transform.
- Those are powerful lessons for all of us, especially for the next generations to come. Let's celebrate the schools in Brightmoor that are springing into writing!



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