

WORDS WRITING PROJECT

Dear Teachers and Administrators:

The Words Writing Project provides all K-12 students a chance to become one of 100 published authors whose work is printed in an anthology that is distributed to all school and city libraries. Those student authors are then brought together in celebration with families, teachers, administrators and trustees at the Michael J Fox Theatre in May. This event supports our district-wide objective of promoting literacy and providing career exploration opportunities. This is also a wonderful way to showcase and celebrate student achievement in creative writing.

Prose (not exceeding 500 words) and poetry pieces will be accepted from all students, and selected entries will be published in our anthology.

This writing contest provides teachers and students time and space to explore the big ideas of our BC Curriculum:

Everyone has a unique story to share.

Developing our understanding of how language works allows us to use it purposefully.

Using language in creative and playful ways helps us understand how language works.



The Fine Print

Please be aware of the following criteria for student submissions:

- All submissions **need to be emailed** to words@burnabyschools.ca The piece will be published as submitted, so please proofread carefully!
- The focus of the contest and the publication is **excellence in writing**.
- All entries must be **original work** from students currently enrolled at your school.
- All submissions **must have been written during the current (2019-20) school year**. Submissions which have been previously published **are not eligible**.
- All entries must be **suited for general audience publication**.
- The total number of entries a school may submit **must not exceed five per cent of the school's total student population**.
- All entries should be typed, been thoroughly proofread and submitted in a form which is **ready for publication**. We are requesting submissions be in the font **Arial**, 12 point. Please do not include pictures, as we are unable to publish them.
- **A completed official cover sheet** (attached) must be included and emailed with all submissions. Please ensure that the official cover sheet is used, and that cover sheet information is accurate and legible. **Please submit cover sheet and entry in one document**.
- **Students are required to sign the cover sheet which confirms that:**
 - it is their original work
 - they are aware it is being submitted as a contest entry
 - it may be published by the school district in **WORDS**
- All entries are to be emailed to words@burnabyschools.ca no later than **Friday, February 15, 2020**.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Tanis Anderson, Literacy Program Consultant.

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Cover Sheet

- To be completed and emailed with each entry, as one document.
- Please use one cover sheet per entry.

Student's name: (first and last) _____

Home address: _____

Postal code: _____ Phone #: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

Circle:
Poetry Prose

Title of Work: _____

By signing below I do verify that the work submitted is wholly my own, was developed without the assistance of others, and has not been previously published. It may be used for promotional purposes by the Burnaby School District.

Student's signature: _____

Teacher's signature: _____

Date: _____

Please email to words@burnabyschools.ca.