



To: Elementary Principals & Teachers
 From: Susie Green, Student Programs Specialist

Grant Wood AEA is pleased to announce that on Monday, May 6, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., the 11th Annual Young Writers’ Conference will be held for area 4th and 5th grade students. This event will be a special day for anyone who enjoys sharing and celebrating the creative writing of students. The conference will take place at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, and is limited to the first 180 students. Below are the details. We look forward to your participation!

General Information

Purpose: To celebrate creative writing and share student writing
 Date: Monday, May 6, 2024
 Location: Coe College, Cedar Rapids
 Audience: 4th and 5th grade students (see *Selection Recommendations* below)
 Time: 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (check-in 9:10-9:30 a.m.)
 Cost: \$15/student
 Guest Presenter: Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre
 What to bring: Each student should bring a sack lunch and a story/writing sample to share (2 copies)

Selection Recommendations

The Young Writers’ Conference is designed to honor student authors, illustrators, poets, and storytellers. These are students who have written, edited, illustrated and “published” (or are in the process of) a piece of creative writing within your classroom or school. When selecting students for this event, schools are urged to give consideration to students from all ability levels (and to consider avid readers, too).

Format

We are very excited to welcome The Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre Company back to the Young Writers’ Conference! The Theatre Company will provide an entertaining and interactive puppet show for our opening welcome. Students will participate in three (3) workshop sessions this year rotating with the other students from their school.* Workshops will be provided by Coe College education students and the Eulenspiegel Puppet staff. Lunch will be held on the Coe lawn (weather permitting), and students will also have an opportunity to share their personal writing piece with a partner or small group for feedback. Anticipated schedule below:

9:00-9:25 Check-in
 9:25-10:25 Opening & Guest Presentation
 10:35-11:00 Sharing Partners/Small Groups
 11:00-11:25 Lunch
 11:30-12:15 Workshop Rotation 1
 12:20-1:05 Workshop Rotation 2*
 1:10-2:05 Workshop Rotation 3 + Reflection
 2:05 Schools Depart Campus

***if logistics permit, students will be given the opportunity to self-select Workshop Session 2.**

Registration instructions on the next page

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Registration Instructions 2024

Please review and follow the instructions below. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis until **April 1**, space permitting. If you have questions, contact Susie Green (319)399-6775, sgreen@gwaea.org.

Directions

1. Identify students and teachers to attend the conference. See *Selection Recommendations* on the previous page. A maximum of 15 students