

April 28, 2016

Dear Young Authors Coordinators and Teachers,

Young Authors Writing Contest Judging Event and Celebration

On Saturday, April 16, 2016th, a small group of judges convened in Worland to judge state Young Authors entries. There were 322 entries altogether. Judges read books and celebrated our amazing young writers for many hours that day, enjoying a delicious lunch, Girl Scout Cookies, and ample chocolate. Though they worked diligently that day, many entries were left to be judged at the end of the day. Judging finally concluded Friday, April 22nd. The winners list was completed then, and as books were processed back into their district/town's boxes and envelopes, names and other information was cross checked for accuracy.

Winners List

Enclosed is the 2016 Young Authors Winners List. I've tried cross checking papers very diligently to avoid typographical errors. Please check the list closely for errors before you share it with your teachers. Let me know if errors are found, so I can correct them.

First Place Winners

First place books will go on to George Vlastos, my Young Authors Co-chairman, who will arrange the State Celebration that will be held next September. The date has not been set. He will contact first place winners directly to let them know when and where the state celebration will be held. They will get their books back there, or if they are unable to attend, their books will be returned to you by George Vlastos.

Honorable Mention Books

Honorable Mention books are included with all the entries that did not place. Honorable Mention certificates are included with those books.

Your Young Author Entries

Your other young author entries and Honorable Mention books will be returned to you in the box/envelope you provided. I will have these books for a few days still as I am going to cross check every list with the contents of its box/envelope before I put it back in the mail. I appreciate your patience as I am learning what I'm doing as I go.

Next Year

I'm very excited about the Young Authors program moving forward from here. I apologize for any delays that have occurred this year, as I've been learning this process. It takes a lot of man hours to make Young Authors possible. Please consider joining us next year when it comes time for judging, both at the state and local levels. The more warm bodies we have the more efficiently we can make this process happen.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. CHEERS!

Tina Krejci, Young Authors Co-Chair