

# Panorama Elementary

# Storytelling Festival

**Date: Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30pm, at the school**

Storytelling is an art. Storytelling is talent. If you like telling stories, please join this competition. Two winners from each category (3rd-5th grade) will move on to the district competition.



**Rules:**

- Stories must be told from memory - not read aloud. (This does not mean they have to be memorized.)
- Props and costumes are NOT allowed.

3rd-5th Grade	K-2nd Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Choose a story from one of the categories:</li> </ul> <p><b>Mystery &amp; Adventure      Folk/Tall Tales &amp; Legends</b></p> <p><b>Humorous      Fantasy &amp; Fairy Tales</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Must be 3-5 minutes long</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Choose a <b>Nursery Rhyme</b></li> <li>● Must be less than 3 minutes long</li> </ul>

For more information including storytelling tips, story suggestions, judging criteria, and more, visit the school website at <https://pes.washk12.org>.

**Sign me up! I want to participate in the Storytelling Festival.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle your story's Category**

**Mystery & Adventure      Folk/Tall Tales & Legends      Humorous**  
**Fantasy & Fairy Tales      Nursery Rhyme (K-2nd Grade)**

Story Title \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY OCTOBER 15TH**

## *Storytelling Festival Packet*

# Let's have some story time fun!

In this packet you will receive more rules with more clarity, there are tips, story ideas, and ways to prepare for the big day! Please read everything.

Your next steps:

1. You are on the program for our festival. If you have any questions let Mrs. Beecher or Mrs. Madison know. If you decide to cancel let us know.
2. Practice in front of crowds, because there is a chance you will have a crowd watching you during the competition. Ask your teacher if you can practice in front of your class.
3. Invite your family to come support your act! The date is **October 22nd at 6:30pm** at the school. We will try to keep our event within a one hour or less time frame.

### **Storytelling Rules:**

1. Stories must be told from memory - not read aloud. (This does not mean they have to be memorized.)
2. Stories may be told individually by a student.
3. Stories should be 3 to 5 minutes long. We will not cut off any storyteller, but a maximum of 8 minutes for all storytellers is suggested and the score will be affected. (K-2 nursery rhymes should be less than 3 minutes long.)
4. Props, costumes and/or music are NOT allowed.
5. Stories selected may come from books in your library or those you may have at home or even made-up by the student. Students can NOT change their story from the School festival to the District festival or they will be disqualified.
6. Two students from the same school may do the same story but will compete in the same category.
7. Winners are not selected collectively but rather from each category. There should be 2 winners from each category:

Humor

Fantasy

Adventure/Mystery

Folktale/Tall Tale

## Storytelling Tips

1. Only tell stories you like. Storytelling is an art where your feelings are clearly apparent. The audience will know if you are not interested in your story. Children particularly cannot be fooled.
2. You should know the story through and through. Read it and tell it several times until you have all the parts memorized in your head and in your heart. Memorize the first and last lines so you have clearly defined ways to begin and end your story.
3. Warm up your voice before you begin telling stories. Recite poetry, practice your stories, sing -- do something to have your throat warm and your blood flowing so that your voice and breath do not disappear during a performance.
4. Dress and look your best to honor those who have come to watch your performance. Please remember that NO props or costumes are allowed.
5. Be ready to adjust your story just in case you forget a line. Always be prepared with more materials than you need.

Suggested Story Telling List	
<b>Folk/Tall Tales &amp; Legends</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The Tortoise and the Hare</li><li>● The Fox and the Grapes</li><li>● Pecos Bill</li><li>● Paul Bunyan</li><li>● Johnny Appleseed</li><li>● Hercules</li><li>● The Sun and the Wind</li></ul>	<b>Fantasy &amp; Fairy Tales</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Little Red Riding Hood</li><li>● The Gingerbread Man</li><li>● Cinderella</li><li>● The Three Billy Goats Gruff</li><li>● The Little Red Hen</li><li>● The Ugly Duckling</li><li>● Jack and the Beanstalk</li></ul>
<b>Humorous</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● How to Eat Fried Worms</li><li>● There's a Snake in the Toilet</li><li>● The Chocolate Touch</li><li>● Captain Underpants</li></ul>	<b>Mystery &amp; Adventure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Nancy Drew</li><li>● Sherlock Holmes</li><li>● Encyclopedia Brown</li><li>● Boxcar Children</li></ul>



# Storytelling Festival 2024

*The storytelling festival is coming again  
Sharpen up your memories and then...  
Tell the story in YOUR very own way,  
Come on storytellers what do you say?*

Folk/Tall Tales & Legends - Fantasy & Fairy Tales - Humorous  
Mystery & Adventure - Nursery Rhyme (K-2)

*Pick a category, that's easy to do.  
Then find a story that's interesting to you.  
Read it and read it and read it some more,  
Until the story by heart and soul is yours.  
Not memorized, mind you, not word for word*

But YOUR own special way of telling it is what should be heard.

o Choose a story and read it five times \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed by YOU)

o Tell the story five times at home \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed by a parent/guardian)

o Tell the story to your class \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed by your teacher)

o Tell the story to someone of your choice at least two times \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\*\*Please turn into the office no later than \_\_\_\_Oct 15\_\_\_\_\_\*\*