

# Panorama Elementary

# Storytelling Festival

**Date: Wednesday, October 16th at 6:30pm, at Panorama**

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.

## How it works:

- Choose a story to tell
- Practice telling the story
- Come to the Festival and tell us the story



3rd-5th Grade	K-2nd Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Choose a story from one of the categories: <b>Mystery &amp; Adventure</b> <b>Folk/Tall Tales &amp; Legends</b> Humorous <b>Fantasy &amp; Fairy Tales</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Choose a <b>Nursery Rhyme</b></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
<b>Fantasy &amp; Fairy Tales</b>	<b>Nursery Rhyme (K-2nd grade)</b>	
Story Title _____		

**COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY OCTOBER 8.**

# Let's have some storytelling 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. Once you complete the form on the front page, you will be added to the program for Panorama's Storytelling Festival. If for some reason you cannot attend, let Mrs. Beecher or Mrs. Madison know. Remember we're here to support you and encourage you anyway we can. If you have any questions, email me, [lora.madison@washk12.org](mailto:lora.madison@washk12.org). You can YouTube children's storytellers to get ideas.
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 our storytelling festival to support your act! We will have the festival in 5 different rooms, one for each category. This will keep the evening short, and easier for families.

## **District Storytelling Rules**

1. Stories must be told from memory - you can't read the story. (This does not mean they have to be memorized.)
2. Stories may be told individually by a student from grades 3-5, with the exception of Enterprise Elementary.
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.
4. Props and/or music are NOT allowed to be used as an accent to a story.
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 see you. However, please remember that NO props 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 Storytelling 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></ul>	<b>Mystery &amp; Adventure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nancy Drew</li></ul>

- There's a Snake in the Toilet
- The Chocolate Touch
- Captain Underpants
- Godzilla Ate My Homework
- Makeup Mess
- The Principal's New Clothes

- Sherlock Holmes
- Encyclopedia Brown
- Boxcar Children
- My Hairiest Adventure
- Weslandia
- Huckleberry Finn

This is just a sample, we will provide the judging sheets. We want you to know exactly what you are being judged on.

# Storytelling Judging Rating Sheet

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Genre Category \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

## Introduction:

Did the storyteller grab and keep your attention? 1 2 3 4

### Delivery of Presentation:

Vocal Expression:	1	2	3	4
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Eye Contact:	1	2	3	4
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Knows the Story:	1	2	3	4
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Appropriate Gestures:	1	2	3	4
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Good Ending: 1 2 3 4

### Story Features:

Were the judges engaged?	1	2	3	4
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Was the story unique?	1	2	3	4
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Was it suitable for storytelling?	1	2	3	4
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2. The second scene of the film				
3. The third scene of the film				
4. The fourth scene of the film				
5. The fifth scene of the film				
6. The sixth scene of the film				
7. The seventh scene of the film				
8. The eighth scene of the film				
9. The ninth scene of the film				
10. The tenth scene of the film				
11. The eleventh scene of the film				
12. The twelfth scene of the film				
13. The thirteenth scene of the film				
14. The fourteenth scene of the film				
15. The fifteenth scene of the film				
16. The sixteenth scene of the film				
17. The seventeenth scene of the film				
18. The eighteenth scene of the film				
19. The nineteenth scene of the film				
20. The twentieth scene of the film				

Was the story 3-5 minutes? 1 2 3 4

**Totals:** \_\_\_\_\_ General

**Comments:**