



Your Creekside PTA is bringing back the Imagination Machine!

The Writing Show

The Imagination Machine's popular assembly will literally bring your students' own stories to life. Nothing inspires students to write like watching their own words spring onto the stage, fully-fleshed out in a complete production with professional actors, music, props and costumes! The selected authors will receive a Certificate of Writing Achievement at the end of the show.

Parents: What You Need to Know

How it works: Your students will write a creative story and submit it for review. The Imagination Machine will read all the stories that were submitted and select 6-10 of them to perform on assembly day.

Writing the Story: This is an optional writing program but all students are encouraged to participate!

Note, some Creekside teachers may provide class time for students to brainstorm and create their stories. Others will encourage their students to write their stories outside the classroom. Either way, your student's teacher will collect all story submissions. (Check with your student or their teacher to find out how they plan to approach the project)

Story Guidelines: Please review the important writing guidelines on the second page.

Important Dates: Submission Deadline: Thursday, December 14, 2017. Show date: Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

A little more background: Imagination Machine was founded back in 1981 by a classroom teacher and working actress who wanted to foster children's ideas before they started censoring themselves about what was "good" or "bad." If you missed the show last year, Google "Imagination Machine Videos" to see a sampling of what to expect.



THE IMAGINATION MACHINE

STORY GUIDELINES

Your students are important to us! In order to give them the greatest opportunity to have their writings performed, **please make sure to follow the guidelines listed below.**

1. **Each story submitted must be labeled with the student's full name, grade level and teacher's name.**
Submit stories to your child's teacher by the deadline, December 14.
2. We accept stories from one or two sentences on up to, but **not exceeding, two pages.**
3. **Please avoid using specific prompts.** Variety, creativity & imagination are highly encouraged.
4. All submitted stories must be on paper **no larger than 8 1/2 x 11.**
5. All grade levels are encouraged to participate. Stories may be written individually or by a collaboration of two or more authors.

WRITINGS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

1. Due to the memorization required on a daily basis, we are not able to perform plays. (AKA scripts.)
2. Book reports, essays and lists will not be considered for performance.
3. We cannot accept, nor be responsible for the safety of any books (bound material) submitted.
4. **Out of sensitivity to elementary school environments, we will not perform stories containing "potty humor", nor realistic violence.**

Stories must be submitted to your student's teacher by 12/14/17