

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL OREGON WRITING FESTIVAL

March 2016

Dear Colleague,

The Thirty-Second Annual Oregon Writing Festival, co-sponsored by Oregon Council of Teachers of English (OCTE) and Portland State University (PSU), will take place at PSU on **Saturday, May 7, 2016**. The festival brings students together in grades 4-12 from throughout Oregon for a day long celebration of writing. For the day, students are divided into three age groups: grades 4-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12. Students participate in two hour-long workshops designed to give them practice in writing and another session to share the writing they have brought with them to the festival. Each age group listens to an author and a local bookstore will sell these authors' books at the festival.

The festival has a need for volunteers to serve as Day Group Leaders. The primary role of a Day Group Leader is to accompany one group of ten students through the entire day's program, including guiding their group in sharing the writing that each student brings to the festival.

You have shown an interest in the past, or your name has been submitted by your district's contact person, in serving as a Day Group Leader. We sincerely hope you will be able to assist us this year. Day Group Leaders are a key component to the success of the Writing Festival. It is imperative to the festival that we have enough Day Group Leaders to ensure each group has coverage.

Please indicate your willingness to volunteer to be part of this exciting and worthwhile day by returning the form below by Friday, April 8, 2016. I will send you a packet of information as soon as I receive your confirmation. Thanks for your help in this matter. I can be reached at 503-625-6857 or 503-407-0571, or e-mail: grandmabahns@yahoo.com if you have questions regarding this experience. It is also very important for you to let me know if you cannot attend this year as a Day Group Leader as it helps me know just how many volunteers will be needed.

Sincerely,
Janice Bahns, Day Group Coordinator

Please complete and return this form by April 8, 2016, to: Janice Bahns, 16603 SW Villa Rd., Sherwood, OR 97140, or e-mail a response to: grandmabahns@yahoo.com

Yes! I am looking forward to being a Day Group Leader_____

I am unable to be a Day Group Leader this year_____

I am interested in working with:

Grades 4-5 only_____; **Grades 6-8 only**_____; **Grades 9-12 only**_____; **or Any Age**_____

Name _____ **Phone Number** _____

Mailing or e-mail address where you prefer your materials sent to: _____
