

A CAVALCADE OF AUTHORS 2010

Read, *Write*, **Imagine!**

Do you love to get lost in the pages of a book? Do you wish you could write like some of your favorite authors, the words of your story are just dying to get out, but you don't even know where to begin? Where does a writer get his or her ideas? How does one find the discipline to write a book? How does one paint the canvas of his imagination onto paper? Imagine having the opportunity to have these very questions answered, in person, by the authors of books you've recently read!

With the help of Friends of the Mid-Columbia Libraries, the Richland School District, and RADCON, your friendly, neighborhood librarian, Mrs. Lane, is organizing the second annual event: "A Cavalcade of Authors: Read, Write, Imagine". Eight fantastic authors will be coming to the Pasco Red Lion this February to provide a writer's workshop for our interested students. We are excited to welcome the following eight authors: Royce Buckingham, Dia Calhoun, Patrick Carman, Brenda Cooper, Lorie Ann Grover, Ben Mikaelson, Deborah Reber, and Suzanne Selfors. The date of our event will be Friday, February 12th. Students, who qualify, will be attending five 40 minute creative writing sessions each put on by a different author. After the workshop rotation, authors will do a book signing where students can bring the books they've purchased and have them autographed. Parents, students, and authors will attend a luncheon together in the Red Lion Ball Room where there will be more book sales and signing opportunities and an author panel to follow.

How can you assure yourself a spot at the writing conference and take advantage of this amazing opportunity? To attend "A Cavalcade of Authors", students must read a book from four of the eight authors. For every book finished, put your name in a drawing to win a prize donated by the author of the book completed. The first 50 students to finish the reading and return all the necessary paperwork by January 12th will gain entrance into the Cavalcade of Authors writing workshops at the Pasco Red Lion. Any attendee who reads all eight authors will win an additional Cavalcade of Authors prize (to be announced) as well.

Books will go on sale during a book fair being held at Barnes and Noble on Saturday, October 3rd. Barnes and Noble will donate part of the proceeds from the book sales that day back to The Cavalcade of Authors. Later that month students will have the opportunity to pre-pay for books they wish to order. This date will be announced in the student bulletin. Stay tuned for book talks on these titles by some of your favorite teachers to be viewed during your language arts classes. If you choose not to purchase your books, four copies of each title will be available for checkout in the library.

If you are ready to take the reading challenge, then fill out the "I Accept the Challenge" form with the titles you plan to read, share it with your parents, and return it to your English or Language Arts teacher no later than Friday, October 2nd. Students can buy books at Barnes and Noble Book Fair sponsored by The Cavalcade of Authors on Saturday, October 3rd or books can be pre-paid and ordered through the school near the end of the month of October. Order forms will be distributed in English classes late in the month.

I hope you choose to take the challenge!

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Lane in the library!