

Attention: Teachers, Administrative Staff, and Library Media Specialists

What: 28th Annual Cracker Storytelling Festival
When: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 6-8, 2016, 9:30am - 1:00pm daily
Where: Homeland Heritage Park, 578 Second Street, Homeland, FL 33847, (863) 647-4716

Statement from Mrs. Michelle Townley, Senior Director of K-12 Literacy

“The Cracker Storytelling Festival is a wonderful multi-cultural event. In 2015, I attended the event for the first time in several years and was amazed at the variety of storytellers and the engagement of the students and families. The Curriculum Department is endorsing this trip and will include curriculum resources in the third grade maps to support the speaking and listening standards. With this concentrated effort to link the field trip to the standard, we encourage all schools to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.” Title I money may be used to pay for buses this year!

Register NOW to attend this unique and educational event!

Storytellers and venues:

State and Local Tellers: Carrie Sue Avyer, Tamara Green, Mitchell O’Rear, Robin Schulte, Hank Mattson, Cheryl Floyd, Mark Koruschak, Kaye Byrns, Katie Adams, “Tvshka” Van V. Samuels, Marc McKinney and Youthful Voices: students from Polk County Schools. *Florida Crafters* and local *Food Vendors*. The historic buildings of the park are open for viewing

Name of School: _____ **Teacher or Contact:** _____

Please select which one of the days your school will be attending this year. You have two days to chose from:

THURSDAY October 6, 2016: Yes _____

FRIDAY October 7, 2016: Yes _____

Number of students: _____ **\$ 4.00 each**

Teachers and Bus Drivers are FREE, how many will be coming from your school? _____

One Chaperone *per 10 students is FREE*, how many will you have? _____

Additional adults will be \$6.00 each, how many will be coming? _____

Total \$ due (may be paid at gate by P.O., check, Flex Card or cash) _____

Please make sure you have done your P.O. Requisition before attending the event!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Bus Fees: Remember you may use Title I money this year. Contact us if you need assistance with bus fees; we may be able to help you. We will have a limited number of bus money grants available.

Can your students participate?

Yes! **Youthful Voices**—student tellers—have become an integral part of local, state, and national storytelling. Student tellers are welcome; **Thursday, Friday or Saturday** so family members can attend and hear their favorite teller. Call Linda Chancey at (863) 393-5610, for more information and to register. **Deadline is September 20, 2016.**

Student’s name: _____ **Grade** _____ **Teacher:** _____

Send **all forms in the Courier to Terrie Sullivan, Library Media Services, Jim Miles Professional Development Center Rt. E, or email them to terrie.sullivan@polk-fl.net**

You may call Terrie at 647-4716 or use the district 5 digit number 57955. This form may be photocopied

Saturday: The **21st Annual Crackerwhip Contest** for all ages will take place at 12:30 pm. Encourage your students to participate to win cash and trophies. Registration fee is \$10.00 per entry.

Storytelling is infectious—it’s up to you to help us keep it alive!