



Hone your skills through two amazing workshops with published and award-winning authors:



Sunday, November 13th, Joy Preble (author of the Anastasia Dreaming Series, the Sweet Dead Life series, Finding Paris, and It Wasn't Always Like This) will be presenting a workshop on characters and conflict. Attendees will learn how to make your characters come to life by creating and developing real, three-dimensional characters. Who are your characters? What do you know about them? What do they know about themselves? What do they want? How are you going to keep it from them? Why? This workshop takes student writers through a series of activities designed to help them write characters who feel real to the reader. Additionally, the workshop will cover characters and conflict. Without conflict, there is no story. This workshop takes students through the development of internal and external conflict and it connects to characterization, plot and theme. Registration via Schoolpay now open! <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Writing-Workshop-with-Joy-Preble-for-6th-8th-grade/Id7FJ>



Saturday, February 25th, 2017, the award-winning author Crystal Allen (author of How Lamar's Bad Prank Won a Bubba Sized Trophy, the Laura Line, and the Magnificent Maya Tibbs series) will present her Strikewriter's Ultimate Writing Prompt, a motivating and exciting exercise that offers a new outlook on writing. Using her proven four step method, students will be creating story ideas in seconds! At the end of her presentation, Crystal will encourage students to enter the Strikewriter's Contest! This is not a contest pairing one school against another - here's how it works: After igniting students to write, she will challenge them to write a story with a beginning, a middle, and an end. The story must be typed using Microsoft Word, or a compatible software program (Crystal will provide a flyer with details). Once the story is finished, the student must print out a copy of their story and turn it in to be read by the committee, who will pick 5 winners from each grade level who are enrolled in the creative writing track at MPVAMS. Those winning stories will be emailed to me, and published on my website under their school name & winning students will receive a second visit from Crystal complete with a pizza party! Registration via Schoolpay now open! <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Writing-Workshop-with-Crystal-Allen-for-6th8th-grade/Id7FL>



Limited scholarships available. Questions should be directed to the workshop coordinator Chantee Hale via email at [chantee.hale@gmail.com](mailto:chantee.hale@gmail.com).



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