



Steffie Young Readers Choice Awards

Write an original story that has 200 to 1000 words. You may enter 1 time. Stories must be submitted by one person, not by a group. Stories may not be the retelling of a story, movie or video game. Please remember to have your name, your teacher's name and the title of your story on your first page. Enter a story with neat writing or typing, and remember—spelling, punctuation, and capitals count! Stories should be sent in a digital format . You may share with Google Drive or you may email your story to Ms. Sandberg at esandberg@cesd73.ca. Please let Ms. Sandberg know if you do not receive an email saying she received your story.

Finalists will be selected by Ms. Sandberg and her panel of judges. Students at our school will vote for the winning story. The winner will receive a \$25.00 gift card from Chapters and a copy of *The Steffie*, a book published by our school with stories by this year's winners and runner-ups. Runner ups will also receive a copy of the book. Stories are due Friday, January 26th, 2024.

Tips: Think about the words you are using for your story and descriptions. Try to write so your reader is able to feel like they can really imagine your story, or feel they are really there. You may choose to do some research to make your story feel more real. Also refer to the author checklist on the back of this page to be sure your story may be considered in the finals.

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Author Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the first page include the title, your full name, your teacher's name and your grade?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the title of your story interesting and related to the story?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you used descriptive words to tell when and where the story takes place? (The setting).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is your story well organized? Are there clear transitions between scenes, so the reader can easily follow what happens next?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is it neat? Please use at least font 10 if typed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you used proper punctuation marks such as periods, exclamation marks and question marks at the end of sentences? Are quotation marks used to show dialogue?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you used capital letters for the beginning of sentences, as well as names of people and places?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all the words spelled correctly? Auto-check is very helpful, but not all spelling mistakes are picked up by technology. An adult or friend could help proof-read your story to catch mistakes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is this an original story? (Not a re-telling of a story, movie, or video game).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the story appropriate for school? Can it be read to all grades, Kindergarten to grade 6? Stories with violence and weapons will not be considered for the finals.