

Introducing The Sixth Annual Fox River Country Day School Speech Tournament

Who: Students in Grades K-8

What: The Sixth Annual FRCDS Speech Tournament
A wonderful opportunity!

Where: Fox River Country Day School

When: **March 18, 2010**

Why: To share a favorite memorized poem or speech, to build self-esteem, to become better oral communicators, and to take pleasure in your efforts. This is an experience you'll always remember!

How: Select a favorite poem, speech, monologue, or short story to memorize. It can be something you've written, or a selection you really like and want to memorize to share with others. You can memorize the whole piece, or just excerpts from a more lengthy selection. Time requirements are listed. No presentation will exceed 10 minutes. You will be assigned a time slot on the day of the tournament to perform in front of three judges. The judges will be faculty, parents, community members, and student volunteers. This is *not* a contest or a competition against other students. Everyone can be successful. You will receive an assessment from your judging team and everyone will receive a certificate of participation. The judges will evaluate your performance based on these points:

- ◆Understanding of the selection
- ◆Enunciation
- ◆Vocal expression
- ◆Body and facial expression
- ◆Fluency
- ◆Memory
- ◆Audience rapport

On the day of the Tournament you will present your memorized selection before three judges. You may invite as many visitors as you would like to watch your presentation. It may be a parent(s), grandparent(s), a special friend(s), teacher(s) or even a classmate. You are encouraged to practice in front of as many individuals and small groups as you can prior to your final presentation.

Students in grades K-1 will not be judged but will receive a recognition award.

More to come: There will be an informational meeting **AFTER ASSEMBLY at 8:45 a.m. on February 12** in the Friberg Commons for all interested students and parents. Please come to sign up and receive more information. If you select your piece and begin practicing soon, you'll be in good shape for our first meeting and you'll still have time to work on the *style* of presentation for your selection. If you have any questions whether or not what you choose is an acceptable, please email Mrs. Morse at school. You will officially register at that time. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER: February 17.**

All preparation for the Tournament will be done outside of school. Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Rasmussen will periodically check in with each presenter to support the presenters' progress (dates to follow).

Dress Standards are dark pants and a dress white collar shirt. In order to best focus on the oral presentation, no costumes or props will be permitted for the performance.

Length of piece:

Students in grades K-1	No minimum minutes
Students in grades 2-3	Minimum of one minute
Students in grades 4-6	Minimum of three minutes
Students in grades 7&8	Minimum of four minutes

No selection to exceed 10 minutes. Timing may include your introduction.

Listed here are a very *few* suggested authors and titles. Be sure to check with your public librarian for more ideas. It is the responsibility of the presenter to gain permission for use on any material with a copyright.*

<p>*Possible writings by: <i>Langston Hughes</i> <i>Robert Frost</i> <i>John Greenleaf Whittier</i> <i>Walt Whitman</i> <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> <i>Thomas Jefferson</i> <i>Benjamin Franklin</i> <i>Elizabeth B. Browning</i> <i>William Shakespeare</i> <i>Emily Dickinson</i> <i>Dr. Seuss</i> <i>Albert Einstein</i></p>	<p>Possible titles:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><i>The Gettysburg Address</i></td> <td><i>The Baking Project</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Paul Revere's Ride</i></td> <td><i>Ira Sleeps Over</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Who's On First</i></td> <td><i>The Highway Man</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>A Road Not Taken</i></td> <td><i>Joe's Pizza Parlor, May I Help You?</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Oh Captain, My Captain</i></td> <td><i>The Science Lesson</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Casey At the Bat</i></td> <td><i>The Owl and the Pussycat</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Macbeth (witches scene)</i></td> <td><i>The Cremation of Sam McGee</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Romeo and Juliet (balcony scene)</i></td> <td><i>The Raven</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Green Eggs and Ham</i></td> <td><i>Pig, Pig, Pig vs. Wolf</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>The Science Lesson</i></td> <td><i>Oh, The Places You'll Go</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Three Billy Goats Gruff</i></td> <td><i>Winken, Blynken and Nod</i></td> </tr> </table>	<i>The Gettysburg Address</i>	<i>The Baking Project</i>	<i>Paul Revere's Ride</i>	<i>Ira Sleeps Over</i>	<i>Who's On First</i>	<i>The Highway Man</i>	<i>A Road Not Taken</i>	<i>Joe's Pizza Parlor, May I Help You?</i>	<i>Oh Captain, My Captain</i>	<i>The Science Lesson</i>	<i>Casey At the Bat</i>	<i>The Owl and the Pussycat</i>	<i>Macbeth (witches scene)</i>	<i>The Cremation of Sam McGee</i>	<i>Romeo and Juliet (balcony scene)</i>	<i>The Raven</i>	<i>Green Eggs and Ham</i>	<i>Pig, Pig, Pig vs. Wolf</i>	<i>The Science Lesson</i>	<i>Oh, The Places You'll Go</i>	<i>Three Billy Goats Gruff</i>	<i>Winken, Blynken and Nod</i>
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Meeting Schedule Summary:

February 12	8:45 following assembly (in Commons)
February 17	DEADLINE TO REGISTER (see Mrs. Morse/Mrs. Rasmussen)
March 18	The BIG day—bring your fan club (performance schedule to follow)

Got a poem? Just do it!