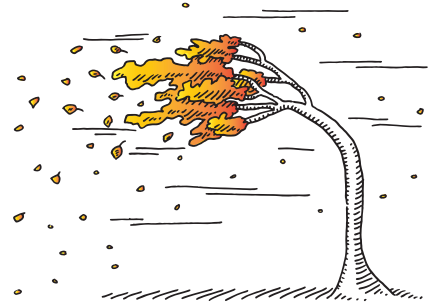

2023 YOUTHINK WRITING CONTEST

2023 THEME: STRENGTH



ELIGIBILITY:

You must attend 6th-8th grade and either be a resident of Orinda or attend a school located in Orinda to participate.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA:

Entries must be a story (fiction or non-fiction), poem, or other creative writing form; presented in English, and written specifically for the contest and without teacher or parent involvement. Entries must be 750 words or less. Submissions will be evaluated on content, clarity, structure, and originality.

CONTEST PROMPT:

The writing prompt for 2023 is *STRENGTH*; however, you may write about anything you like—real or imaginary—adhere to the prompt or not! There is no limit to your imagination.

ENTRY:

Entries will only be accepted via email. Email your entry to oyouthink@gmail.com with the following:

- **Completed entry form.** Make sure to include all required information in your submission.
- Please share as a **Google doc** with the name of your piece as the title. Please do not put your name on the document. Your name will go on the entry form that you submit with the document.

Once you have submitted your entry, you will receive a receipt notification from oyouthink@gmail.com to confirm your entry was successfully submitted.

JUDGING:

The entries will be judged by a panel of local, professional, and best-selling authors, writers, reporters, and children's book editors. The judges will evaluate submissions and select the winners. The judges will remain confidential until the winners are announced.

PRIZES:

First Place \$250, Second Place \$125, and Third Place \$75, and ten honorable mention gift certificates. Winners will be notified via email. Entries may be posted online and re-printed in local papers. Prizes will be awarded in May.

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ENTRY FORM

The contest opens **December 12, 2022**. Entries will be accepted through **March 5, 2023**. Entries limited to one entry per contestant, 750 words or less. There is no fee to participate. Late entries will not be accepted.

Title of Entry: _____

Number of Words: _____

Category Entered: (circle one) Story Poem Essay Other

Name of Author: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Author Email: _____

Author Home Address: _____

Author Phone Number(s): _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone Number(s): _____

I hereby attest that all writing in my submission was completed by me without the assistance of any teachers, parents, or writing tutors.

Signature

Date

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