ABOUT DONNA'S SCHOOL VISITS

Donna's school programs, for grades 4 through 8 touch on brainstorming for ideas, using life as writing material, benefits of revision and perseverance, and importance of world building as she takes students through the writing and publishing process. She also shares the 3 Nuggets of Storytelling and incorporates an interactive skit with the students for emphasis. Donna particularly likes to discuss the Four R's of Being A Writer: Read, (W)rite, Research, and Revise. (Approx. time: 50-60 minutes, includes Q/A.) Every school receives a **FREE** copy of *Joshua and the Lightning Road* for your library!

Donna's program has been loaded onto a flash drive and adapted to LCD-projection to accommodate larger groups.

Equipment needs: Table, microphone if larger group (lapel or one on a stand), LCD-projector with cables to connect to Donna's computer, and screen. (if your school has a computer connected to a projector or a smart board, that's even better. Please advise if this is the case.) Also, a bottle of water is nice. ☺

WHAT THIS WILL COST

Because school budgets are tight, Donna tries to keep her fees affordable--yet practical. (Like all small businesses, she has obligations and expenses.) Accordingly, her fee is $250 per single session and $150 for each additional session, up to 4 per day. See the fee schedule below. Also, please let her know what your budget is. She really wants to make this work for you! **TIP: Partner with another school for Donna's author visit and stretch your budget dollars!**

WHAT DOES A FULL-DAY GET YOU?

A full-day gets you 4 (four) assemblies and a half-day gets you 2 (two) assemblies. Single assemblies are available as well. Fees are due the day of the visit. Donna knows that many authors charge two and three times as much but, as a former President of her son's PTO that involved fundraising and school budgets, she understands schools' financial situations. She is confident that once you consider her fee and what she offers, you will agree that it is reasonable and affordable by most schools. (If your funds are severely limited, let her know what your budget is. She has been known to make exceptions and considerations.) She looks forward to making you a hero with your staff and to inspiring your children!

FEE SCHEDULE (all expenses included in fee schedule*)

$250 for a single session local visit (morning or afternoon)
$150 for each additional session (same day, same school, up to 4 sessions)
There may be travel expenses, which are dependent on locations
All sessions 50-60 minutes long.

* Schools 1.5 or more hours outside of the Southeastern, PA, area would require adding on any necessary air fare, mileage, car rental or taxi fare, and up to two nights' lodging.

SKYPE VISITS ARE AVAILABLE

A 30-minute Q&A session is free of charge. One 50-60 minute session is $100.00. A double session (two 50-60 minute sessions) on the same day is $150.00. Please e-mail Donna at donna@donnagalanti.com to arrange a date and time. Note, too, that Donna

likes to do a test run prior to a virtual visit just to make sure the equipment is working at both ends.

BOOK ORDERS

All sessions (onsite and Skype) require that students be familiar with Donna's work. Books may be ordered ahead of time for a generous discount through The Doylestown Bookshop. Contact Krisy Paredes at The Doylestown Bookshop at 215-230-7610 or krisyparedes@gmail.com.

SUCCESSFUL AUTHOR VISIT!

The most successful author visits come when the students have been prepared. Take the time to introduce them to Donna's work. Other things you might do in the classroom include:

• Prepare special bulletin boards based on themes in the book.
• Help students prepare questions they might want to ask Donna.
• Conduct a writing contest, with the winners getting to have lunch with Donna if a full day visit or a single winner receiving an 11 x 14 poster of the map of the world in Donna's book.
• Create student-prepared art to accompany Donna's book.

The students are welcome to send follow up letters through the teachers to Donna with additional questions or comments and she will be sure to respond!

Contact Donna Galanti:
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215-348-2070

Book Your Visit Today!

"*Thank you so much for coming to discuss your writing process and background with our fifth and sixth grade students. I knew the afternoon would be enjoyable even before you arrived. As I began sharing the first few chapters of your book with my students they would not let me stop reading and consistently wanted one more chapter! Your manner during the presentation ensured that each student was interested and engaged! Thank you again for being so generous with your time*."
-Melanie Jones, Librarian, Kutz Elementary, Doylestown, PA