



FREETOWN - LAKEVILLE CAMPUS PROGRAMS

STORYTELLING PROGRAM

GRADES 4 & 5 FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Award winning professional storyteller, teaching artist, and author Karen Chace, in partnership with the Freetown-Lakeville Campus Programs Department, will teach the Art of Oral Tradition (storytelling) for GRAIS fourth and fifth grade students. Storytelling is a performance based art; the children will be performing their stories, not reading them, on stage.

- The program will run for 14 weeks beginning on Wednesday, October 24 and follow the school calendar with regard to holidays, vacations and snow days. The dates are as follows:
- 10/24, 10/31, 11/07, 11/14, 11/28, 12/05, 12/12, 12/19, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, and 2/13.
- Students will meet afterschool, one day a week in the GRAIS library from 2:20 to 3:45.
- Parents are responsible for transportation.
- Class size will be limited. To secure your child's place in the program a \$10.00 non-refundable deposit is required upon registration.
- Cost per child: \$100.00 total (\$10 Registration fee + \$90 program fee) for 14 weeks of class, five in-school performances, and a free evening storytelling festival for family and friends in March.

While this may appear to be costly, it actually breaks down to \$2.00 for each session, which includes 14 classes, five practice performances and one storytelling festival, but gaining confidence with the lifelong skill of public speaking is PRICELESS! A portion of the fee is also provided to the Campus Programs Department to continue their good work.

The students will select their stories from my personal folktale collection. They will learn about other cultures through story, gain confidence in public speaking, enhance their literacy skills and develop camaraderie with their storytelling peers. Our ultimate goal is an evening Storytelling Festival, where students will perform (not read) their stories for families, friends, educators and community members at GRAIS.

The National Council of Teachers of English encourages the use of storytelling in the curriculum. If you would like more information you may read their position statement online at:

<http://www.ncte.org/positions/statements/teachingstorytelling> . In addition, YES (Youth, Education and Storytelling Alliance), a special interest group of the National Storytelling Association, has produced a document that aligns storytelling with the Core Curriculum Standards. It may be viewed at:

<https://storynet.org/groups/yes/storytelling-and-the-common-core-standards/>

Please fill out the form below to hold your child's place in the program and return it with a \$10.00 non-refundable deposit. Return to:

Mail to: Diane Czapiga
Campus Programs Dept.
112 Howland Road
Lakeville, MA 02347

The remaining fee of \$90.00 must be paid in full, one week prior to the start of the program on October 24. Your check will not be cashed until we know we have enough students to run program.

Please make checks payable to FLRSD (Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District) Return Form & Payment to Diane Czapiga at Campus Program Department.

You will be notified via email with additional information for the first day of class once we have everything in place. Payment options are available. Please contact Diane Czapiga at dczapiga@freelake.org for further information. Parents are encouraged to contact Diane Czapiga, Campus Programs Director, at 508 923-2000 ext.1719 if you need to discuss financial information.

GRAIS STORYTELLING: REGISTRATION FORM

Student's Name _____

Grade: Please check one: 4th _____ 5th _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (Please Print): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Phone Number _____ Primary Cell Number _____

Secondary Cell Number _____

Email Address: **Please print legibly:** _____

IMPORTANT: This *must be an email* you check on a regular (daily or every other day) basis as we will be communicating with you primarily through email. I cannot stress this enough, it **MUST** be an email you check regularly. If you **do not** have an email account please check here: _____.

Since this is an After School program and a school nurse is not available, please provide an additional emergency contact in the event we are unable to reach you.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

I hereby release and save harmless the towns of Freetown and Lakeville, the Freetown ó Lakeville Regional School Committee and the Freetown ó Lakeville Regional School District any and all liability for any injuries, loss, or other claims arising out of or resulting from or incurred during the use of school facilities and property by the person or persons identified above.

Parent / Guardian Signature:

If you have any questions regarding the program please contact me at (508) 763-8565 or email me at storybug@aol.com. I invite you to view my website and credentials at www.storybug.net.

Sincerely,
Karen Chace
Storytelling Troupe Director