



Sixty-eight Writes

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BIG REWARDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH NEW WRITING CONTEST

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Nanaimo – “Sixty-eight Writes”, a locally developed non-profit writing contest for high school students in School District # 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) was launched today, with the announcement that cash prizes totalling \$1200 will be awarded in two categories (fiction and non-fiction). The contest, which is being run by student and parent volunteers, will take place over the 2006/07 school year, with an entry deadline of March 26, 2007, and announcement of winners by early June 2007.

“It’s a really great opportunity to get my work out there and get critiques from judges who really know their writing,” said Allison Tufnail, a Grade 11 student at Nanaimo District Secondary School. “I know it’s going to be a really great learning experience for me, and all the students who enter.”

The contest launch included the unveiling of a web site, which will be the vehicle for electronically publishing the winners as well as providing information to teachers, students and the general public about the contest.

A variety of local organizations (listed below) have shown support for the project with their donations, and it has been endorsed by the Education Committee of SD68, the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and the Nanaimo District Teachers Association (NDTA).

“As educators we are often on the alert for situations where students can demonstrate their talent and skills in a public way,” said Carol McNamee, NDTA President. DPAC President Drena Robinson added, “This contest will give students an equitable and valuable channel for creativity.”

For more information, see <http://members.shaw.ca/sixtyeightwrites>, or email sixtyeightwrites@shaw.ca.

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