



Sixty-eight Writes

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YOUNG WRITERS IN SD 68 WIN \$1200 IN PRIZES

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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), awarded a total of \$1200 in cash prizes to the winning entries.

“It was fun, and I enjoyed it more, I think, because it was SD68,” said Helen Lutes of Wellington Secondary, who received a \$200 cheque for 2nd place in the Fiction category. Choosing winners from among the many fine entries was a difficult task for the judges. “There were engaging moments in all the pieces submitted,” commented Keith Harrison, a writer and Malaspina Creative Writing instructor who volunteered his expertise as a judge.

The complete list of winners is:

Fiction: 1st place (\$300): **Allison Tufnail, Grade 11, NDSS**
2nd place (\$200): **Helen Lutes, Grade 12, Wellington Secondary**
3rd place (\$100): **Michelle Fries, Grade 12, NDSS**

Non-fiction: 1st place (\$300): **Paul MacIntyre, Grade 12, NDSS**
2nd place (\$200): **Maria Wilde, Grade 12, NDSS**
3rd place (\$100): **Alycia Wolosezky, Grade 12, Dover Bay Secondary**

Finalists: Myles Black, Anna Bunce (NDSS); Davin Sandvar (Wellington); Megan Jones (Woodlands).

Honourable Mention: Kellen Loewen, Teesha Wilkinson, Allysha Fisher, Christina Seargeant, Gurmail Saroya, Alison Edwards (Dover Bay); Suzanne Ouellet, Elaine Thomson, Sahara Ali (NDSS); Natalie MacCallum (Ladysmith); Vicky Luxford (Wellington).

For more information about Sixty-eight Writes and to read or print an anthology of selected entries, visit <http://members.shaw.ca/sixtyeightwrites>.

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