



## **Welcome to Pleasantdale Elementary's 2009-2010** **"Write Stuff"!**

Whether your child is a beginner or a more advanced writer, the "Write Stuff" program offers everyone at Pleasantdale Elementary the chance to practice writing skills.

### **What is it?**

The "Write Stuff" is a PTA-sponsored, voluntary creative writing program, now celebrating its 8<sup>th</sup> year! Write Stuff submissions are not graded, but they are read by PTA Reading and Literature committee members. Compositions and drawings are displayed each week on the PTA Write Stuff bulletin board outside the library, so they can also be read by students, staff, and visiting parents too!

### **Who participates?**

All Pleasantdale Elementary students from Kindergarten to 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to write.

### **When Do I Do the Write Stuff?**

Grades 1-4 will receive prompts six (6) times during the school year, beginning in the month of September. **On the back of this sheet is the 2009 September Write Stuff Prompt.** Kindergarteners will receive prompts five (5) times a year, beginning next month in October. All students will be given two (2) weeks after the prompt is distributed in the classroom to complete. The 2009-2010 school calendar lists all prompt distribution and due dates. Prompts will also be made available at our school website, [www.d107.org](http://www.d107.org).

### **Where is the writing done?**

Do the Write Stuff at home! Essays can be handwritten or typed; artwork is always a plus! We strongly encourage all participants to submit their **best** work.

### **Top 3 (from an infinite list) Reasons to Participate:**

1. Writing is a very important skill in school and beyond.
2. The more you write, the better your writing will become.
3. Awesome rewards! For each prompt written, a fun token will be distributed the following month. Participants will be acknowledged in our monthly "Write Stuff Honor Roll" found in the Friday packet. Lastly, students will be entered in drawings for raffle prizes, pizza parties, and other great surprises!

As a parent, your partnership in this program is critical. From encouraging your children to participate as often as possible to involving yourself in the writing process, YOU play an important role in the "Write Stuff" program. Let's work together to make this an fantastic year! If you would like to help, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PTA Reading Literature Co-Chairs Julia Doyle (708) 839-4677 or Rosaria Becker (708) 309-0351.

**NOW TURN THIS PAGE OVER AND WRITE YOUR FIRST  
WRITE STUFF!**