

County Anthology Entries Due February 1st

The Belmont County Gifted Advisory Council (GAC) will once again be publishing the *Belmont County Anthology*. We are asking teachers to collect EXEMPLARY students' work throughout the school year and send them to the GAC by February 1, 2021. Student's entries will be accepted from grades K-12. The guidelines for entries are below. **Please submit all entries - literary and artwork, via Google Docs.** Students can share the Doc with their teacher who can compile them all in a folder for the district to be shared with Allison allison.rice@ecoesc.org at the ESC.

Literary submissions must meet the following guidelines:

1. Submit a typed copy in Google Docs set up for a standard 8 1/2" X 11" portrait size. Please leave at least a 1" margin around all edges
2. Grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc. will be evaluated in the selection process.
3. Type the student's name, grade, school, and title of entry on a separate Google Doc Sheet. For example, page 1 of the Google Doc can be the literary or artwork entry and page 2 can detail the student name, grade, and school district.
4. Poems, short stories, and plays may not exceed 500 words. (Approx. 1 page single-spaced)
5. Please submit in a font that is clear and easy to read. Font size will be adjusted for consistency throughout the Anthology.
6. You may insert clip art that is appropriate to the entry if you wish.
7. The actual entry **must have a title** but NO other information on it.
8. All submissions must be original.
9. **NO copyrighted works (song lyrics, poems, etc.) will be judged.**

Artwork must meet the following guidelines:

1. Artwork should be able to be adjusted to fit within the perimeters of a standard 8 1/2" X 11" portrait size paper, leaving at least a 1" margin and be inserted into a Google Doc. (Artwork may be shrunk to fit the page.)
2. Artwork may be black and white OR color and must be ORIGINAL.
3. **No:** reprints, copyrighted material (Disney characters, cartoon characters), anime, computer originated or enhanced works will be accepted.
4. If using color, try to avoid extremely light or dark entries as they do not copy well for publication. Also, sometimes a splash of color makes a more vivid impression.
5. Label artwork as you would literary entries (see #3 above.) Please make sure a title is included. Several "untitled" entries tend to get confusing.

Three educators who will have the right to reject material deemed as inappropriate or not suitable for "exemplary works" publication will review each entry. Students will be notified of their acceptance or denial for the Anthology. The number of entries is limited. Each student may submit a maximum of 3 entries. The GAC plans to have the Anthology ready for countywide distribution by spring.

For more information or to submit an entry, you may contact one of the following GAC members: Barnesville- Melanie Beeson, Bellaire- Jennifer Kaczor, Bridgeport- Lori Dougherty & Amy Vavrock, Martins Ferry- Barbie McKeegan, Shadyside-Holly Amos, St. Clairsville- Mindy Husek, Union Local- Kelsey Wise, and East Central Ohio Educational Service Center- Lisa Stupak or Amber Toriseva.