

What is Pub Club?

Pub Club is a **free, PTA-sponsored, after-school creative writing program for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders at Willett**. There are 3 sessions: Fall, Winter, and Spring.

We meet once a week to read and write poems and stories, talk about what makes for successful storytelling, try writing prompts and exercises, and give each other encouragement and feedback on our writing.

Pub Club will meet **every Thursday from 3:10 to 4:15** (classroom TBA). **The first meeting will be Thursday, October 6.** Lara Downes and Brenna Berger will serve as Pub Club instructors.

Interested? Here's what you need to do to join Pub Club:

- (1) Have a parent or guardian fill out and sign the attached permission slip.
- (2) Write one paragraph describing what kind of writing you want to do. It can be handwritten or printed out. Don't stress out about this! It's not graded or anything. It just shows us you're willing to write something.
- (3) Attach your paragraph to your signed permission slip and give it to your teacher.

Please note the following:

- (1) **Pub Club is first and foremost a creative writing club.** Although there will be opportunities for writers who also like to draw or cartoon, Pub Club is not the right place for students who don't like to write or who are only interested in comics, cartoons, and games.
- (2) **Every student who comes to Pub Club needs to be enrolled.** Non-enrolled siblings will not be allowed to hang out at Pub Club meetings.
- (3) **Pub Club is limited to 25 students per session.** If more than 25 students sign up, we will conduct a lottery and maintain a waitlist. Any student who doesn't get in this fall will have another chance to sign up for the winter session.
- (4) **Please do not sign up if you have a time conflict.** A time conflict is a sport or other commitment that requires you to miss more than two Pub Club meetings per session or more than 15 minutes of each meeting.

Please see the back side of this brochure for more about Pub Club!

PUB CLUB PERMISSION SLIP

**Lara or Brenna will call or e-mail you on or before 10/3 to let you know if your child has gotten into the Fall Session of Pub Club.*

**Siblings may be listed on the same form. Each child must submit his or her own paragraph. Please note that non-enrolled siblings are not allowed at Pub Club meetings.*

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!*

Student name:

Grade (please circle): 4th 5th 6th

Parent/guardian name(s):

Parent/guardian e-mail address(es):

Daytime & evening phone #s:

I have attached the student's one-paragraph description of what kind of writing they like to do.

My child has permission to join Pub Club.

Parent/guardian signature:

Please fill out the back side of this form indicating ways you are willing to volunteer for Pub Club.

PUB CLUB VOLUNTEER INFO

Please check any and all that apply:

- I can bring snacks (no more than once per trimester).
 - I can scan artwork.
 - I can help type up student writing.
 - I can help with layout of student publications.
 - I can update the website (training available).
 - I am available to make a presentation/run a workshop on (please describe):
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- I am available to help run meetings. In what way?
Please describe (e.g., as an assistant, as a substitute, as a writing or art instructor, etc.—we are open to suggestions & help!):
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*Thank you so much!
Pub Club is made possible by the support of
the Willett PTA, teachers and staff;
the District Publications Office;
the generous assistance of parents;
and most of all, our talented kids!*

Our schedule

Fall Session: 10/6/11 – 12/15/11
Winter Session: 1/12/12 – 3/29/12
Spring Session: 4/19/12 – 5/29/12
(session dates subject to change)

Our publications


Each year, Pub Club puts out student publications that go to every Willett student, including at least one literary magazine and an end-of-year puzzles & games book.

Help from parent volunteers is critical to our success! Please see the back side of the permission slip to see how you can volunteer.

Questions? Concerns?

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*Are you a 4th, 5th, or 6th grader?
Do you like to write poems, stories, or
essays? Do you like to talk about writing
and books?*

If you said yes to all of the above,
you are invited to sign up for Pub Club!

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