

SWWC Holds 27th Annual Conference for Young Writers



Over 500 students from around the region were inspired and learned new writing techniques at the Conference for Young Writers held January 9 at Southwest Minnesota State University. Students in grades 3-8 learned how to write poetry, acted out scripts, learned how to write a news story, and so much more. Presenters were excited to share their knowledge and talent with the students. Keynote speaker Douglas Wood, an author of 37 books, artist, musician and wilderness guide, started the day with some music and an inspirational story about his struggles and successes of becoming an author.

The following schools brought students to the Conference for Young Writers:

Benson Elementary School	BL-H-S Elementary School
Canby Elementary School	Central MN Christian Elementary School
Clarkfield Charter School	G-F-W Elementary
Ivanhoe School	JCC Middle, Pleasantview & Riverside Elementary Schools
KMS Elementary School	Lake Benton Elementary School
Lakeview Elementary School	Litchfield Middle School
Luverne High School	Marshall Middle School
MCC Elementary School	Minneota Elementary School
Mountain Lake Christian School	Pipestone Middle School
Renville Co. West School	RTR Elementary & Middle Schools
Sioux Valley School (South Dakota)	Springfield Elementary School
St John's Lutheran School, Redwood Falls	Tracy Area Elementary School
WWG High School	Willmar Community Christian School
Willmar Middle & Roosevelt Elementary Schools	
Worthington Middle & Prairie Elementary Schools	
YME Bert Raney Elementary School	

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