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Dear Public, Private, and Home School Teachers,

All sixth through twelfth grade students in El Paso County, Colorado or in the areas served by the Pikes Peak Library District are invited to enter the **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Betty Field Memorial Youth Writing Contest (2019)**.

The story must be a mystery story because Betty Field, the contest's namesake, loved mysteries. There are six required words that must be used anywhere in the 1000-1200 word story and one required phrase that must be used in the first paragraph of the story.

Entry forms, rules, and guidelines are available on the contest's website: [www.writingcontest612.info](http://www.writingcontest612.info)

Please share the contest information with your students and with other teachers who may not receive information about this contest. If your class does not participate, individual entries will be accepted although there cannot be more than seven entries per classroom and the Student Entry Form and School Entry Form must be submitted.

Entries must be received no later than **5:00 PM, Saturday, February 23, 2019**. Please verify that all required information is complete and the Rules have been followed before submitting the entries. If an entry does not include the required phrase and words, the entry will be immediately disqualified. For your convenience, a checklist is available on the website.

The winning authors in all categories will be honored at the **April 6, 2019 Awards & Recognition Program**. The program will be held 11:00-11:30 AM and is open to the public. The **Writers Workshop** for all students who entered the contest will be held one hour prior to the Awards & Recognition Program. Both events will be held in the East Library-Community Room, 5550 North Union Boulevard, Colorado Springs CO.

This contest is funded by the Friends of the Rockrimmon Library and sponsored by the Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact us at (719) 591-2404 or [friendsppld@pcisys.net](mailto:friendsppld@pcisys.net)

Sincerely,

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