

## **CALENDAR SCHOOL YEAR 2014/2015**

### **AUTHOR VISIT**

A visit with an author is a wonderful way to connect children with the wonder of books and reading. Over the years, author Wendy Torrel has partnered with educators and librarians to forward literacy. She has encouraged young readers to read critically – fostering an appreciation for reading, writing and education.

Ms. Torrel's interactive presentation of her multi-award winning book *GUARDIAN OF DREAMS: A Bedtime Story* has served to demonstrate how books provide value by the different ways in which they can be utilized – books can entertain, stimulate imagination, convey a message, be utilized as a vehicle to teach the elements of story composition, as well as serve as an aid to a reader.

Each engagement is tailored to the appropriate academic level. They are designed to explore the various elements found in books which may include distinguishing the creative approaches used in storytelling, genres, plots, characters, settings and story development. Discussions have also provided a view into the world of publishing and the creative process that brings books to life.

Teachers have utilized the author's visit as a catalyst to forward lesson plans and to create recreational and educational activities. Children have been encouraged to read critically, inspired to write, with some left aspiring to become authors themselves.

### **AUTHOR'S SCHOOL VISIT**

#### ***School Presentations:***

#### **Grade K-2**

Classroom programs include a book reading, exploration of story elements, a Q&A period to stimulate imagination and an autographing session. Classroom size limited to 30 participants.

#### **Grade 3-5 and 6-8**

Workshop presentations include a book reading, exploration of story elements, a Q&A period to stimulate imagination, a writing exercise and an autographing session. Classroom size limited to 30 participants.

### **AUTHOR'S LIBRARY VISIT**

#### ***Library Presentations:***

Library visits include a book presentation, a Q&A period and an autographing session. Audience may consist of a mixture of both children and adults. Event size limited to 30 participants.

Contact White Tulip Publishing at least three months in advance to schedule an appearance and discuss availability, fees and honorariums. Please ensure you provide a point of contact for the organization that will be hosting the event.

Event costs include an honorarium, transportation, hotel and per diem. The honorarium is US\$600 for a half day visit, which includes up to three sessions per day, up to one hour per session. Beyond 60 miles of local area, rates are exclusive of actual travel expenses and there is a minimum of one night accommodation to manage early arrival. Approximate travel expenses range from \$210.00 - \$1350.00. International rates vary – please contact White Tulip Publishing for more details. Multi-day bookings are eligible for a discount of \$100 per day. Bilingual presentation is available – English/Spanish.