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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ***Fostering Future Authors***

(Fullerton, CA) – For the past two nights, over 175 Writer’s Guild students, along with their friends and families, celebrated their achievements as budding authors at Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts. The students, from six different schools (Acacia, Beechwood, Laguna Road, Orangethorpe, Richman, and Sunset Lane) in fourth through sixth grade, were able to read fictional books they wrote and gain inspiration from a published youth author. These students have spent over 10 weeks learning a new skills and technique to perfect their books. They gathered this week to share the stories and celebrate their successes.

The audience at the Writer’s Guild Celebrations was treated to an informative and inspirational keynote speech by young author, Nara Duffie. Nara Duffie first tried to write a novel at the age of six, and 11 days before she turned 11 years old, her first novel, The Monster Realm, was published. In March 2016, Nara completed her second novel, The Three Worlds, just months before her 13th birthday. She graciously shared her writing experience with students and encouraged students to pursue writing careers.

The Fullerton School District Writer’s Guild program is designed to create a culture of writers. The program is intended to engage the students in the community of writing practitioners. The Writers Guild provides opportunities for students to write to authentic audiences and create high levels of writing mastery in a variety of genres.

Many of the students have read their stories to authentic audiences, ranging from storytime at a local bookstore to reading to younger students at their schools. The student will also have the opportunity to interact further with published authors at the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books at the University of Southern California in April.

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves over 13,500 students in grades TK – 8th. The Fullerton School District includes 20 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-8th grade schools, and three middle schools. The mission of the Fullerton School District is to work collaboratively with the community to provide an innovative, high-quality educational program for all students in a safe learning environment. The District motto, “*Great Schools - Successful Kids*”

exemplifies the belief that all students will achieve academic excellence, acquire interpersonal skills, and develop technological expertise to contribute as productive citizens in a democratic society. For more information, call 714/447-7400 or visit www.fullertonsd.org.

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