



2016-2017 "Yak's Corner Favorite Book Character Contest" for Grades 1-6

Yak's Corner, the monthly news magazine for grades 1-6 produced by **Michigan K.I.D.S.**, the Detroit Newspapers in Education (DNIE) nonprofit for the *Detroit Free Press* and *The Detroit News*, invites Michigan students in first through sixth grade to submit drawings of their favorite book character and tell us why this is their favorite character.

Contest Guidelines

- Students should choose **one favorite fictional character** from a book and then draw a picture of that character in bright, bold colors on 8.5 x 11 white, unlined paper. Drawings on any other size or type of paper will not be accepted.
- Characters cannot be from TV or films, unless the characters are adapted from a book.
- The student's first initial and last name should be clearly printed on the back of drawing.
- Complete all sections of the contest entry form, including briefly explaining (no more than two paragraphs) why this is their favorite character. Students can write their entire explanation on the entry form, or may use an additional sheet of paper.
- Staple the entry form, and any additional writing, to the FRONT of the drawing.
- Mail all entries from the same class and grade in one envelope **by February 1, 2017** to:

**Yak's Corner Favorite Book Character Contest
160 W. Fort Street, Detroit, MI 48226**

Contest Prizes

- Yak's Corner personnel will select first- through third-place winners and honorable mentions for each grade by March 1, 2017.
- The first- through third-place winners will receive Barnes & Noble gift cards in the amounts of \$40, \$30 and \$25 respectively.
- All winners, including honorable mentions, will receive personalized Certificates of Excellence.
- Certificates for all winners, gift cards for the first- through third-place winners, and the original winning artwork will be sent by certified mail to the teachers of winning students by the end of March.
- Teachers may request a downloadable Certificate of Participation to share with all participating students.
- The artwork of first-place winners will be featured in the March 9 issue of Yak's Corner. All other winning artwork will be published on www.dnie.com.

A downloadable Certificate of Participation will be emailed to teachers who email their request to cathyyaknews@gmail.com. We can only return those drawings selected as winners.

Questions? E-mail Cathy Collison at cathyyaknews@gmail.com.

Yak's Corner 2016-2017 Favorite Book Character Contest Entry Form

Please clearly print or type all information. Entries will not be judged if any information is missing or if contest rules are not followed.

Student's First and Last Name: _____

Grade (Circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 6

School Name: _____

School Address, City, ZIP: _____

Teacher's First and Last Name: _____ School Phone: (____) _____

Teacher's Email Address: _____

Who is the character? _____

What book (title & author) is this character from? _____

Why this is your favorite character: _____

*If additional space is needed to explain why this is your favorite character, please attach a separate sheet of paper. Staple this completed form, and any additional writing, to the **FRONT OF THE DRAWING**.*

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