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**2017-2018 KERN COUNTY ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS EVENTS**

The following is a list of the English-Language Arts Events scheduled for 2017-2018. Please note the **registration deadlines** and event **locations**. Event information for all English-language arts events is available on the Kern County Superintendent of Schools' website <http://ci.kern.org/StudentEvents/English>.

**ORAL LANGUAGE FESTIVAL: Registration Deadline: Friday, December 15, 2017**

GRADE	DAY	DATE	TIME
4-6	Saturday	January 27, 2018	8:30am – 10:45am
7-8	Saturday	January 27, 2018	11:30am – 1:45pm

- The 2017-18 Judging Information and Score Sheets are available at the website listed above.
- Location: Stonecreek Junior High School, 8000 Akers Rd., Bakersfield, CA
- Each region may send *one* entry for each event to the county competition. **Each entry must be accompanied by a script of the selection to be presented.** Each selection will be reviewed for appropriateness of content before the student will be allowed to compete.
- Fee for participation will be \$40 per entry. **Checks/POs (to KCSOS) must be received by Wednesday, January 10, 2018.**

**HENRY GREVE SPEECH CONTEST: Registration Deadline: Friday, February 23, 2018**

GRADE	DAY	DATE	TIME
7-8	Thursday	March 15, 2018	6:30pm

- The 2017-2018 Prompt Letter and Judges Scoring Information are found at the website listed above.
- Location: Kern County Superintendent of Schools City Center, 1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Bakersfield, CA, Room 1B
- Each region may send *one* student to the county competition.
- There is no entry fee.
- **Topic: What are the traits of a successful person?**

**KERN BATTLE OF THE BOOKS: Registration Deadlines: Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 4-6 grades  
 Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 6-8 grades**

GRADE	DAY	DATE	TIME
4-6 Central County	Monday	April 30, 2018	8:45am – 1:00pm
4-6 South County	Tuesday	May 1, 2018	8:45am – 1:00pm
4-6 North County	Friday	May 4, 2018	8:45am – 1:00pm
6-8	Thursday	TBD	8:45am – 1:30pm

- **4-6 grade event:**  
 Location: Kern County Museum/Pioneer Village, 3801 Chester Ave., Bakersfield, CA  
 Each school may bring a team of students. Teams must be registered by November 1, 2017.  
 The entry fee of \$50.00 per school is payable to **Kern Battle of the Books** and should be sent to **Marilyn Fowler, 7809 Olcott Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93308**  
 Information may be found at the website listed above or at [www.kernreadingassociation.org](http://www.kernreadingassociation.org).
- **6-8 grade event:**  
 Location: Valley Oaks Charter School, 3401 Chester Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301  
 Send in form with registration fee of \$40.00 to **Valley Oaks Charter School, 3401 Chester Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301**.  
 Checks should be made out to **Educational Services Foundation** and must be received by January 30, 2018.

**BANK OF AMERICA ESSAY/SPEECH CONTEST (GRADES 4-6): Essay Deadline: Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

GRADE	DAY	DATE	TIME
4-6	Thursday	May 10, 2018	6:30 pm

- The Nomination Form (including the prompt) and Judges Form are available at the website above.
- Location: Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office, Larry E. Reider Education Center, 2000 K Street, Bakersfield, CA
- This is not a regional event. Each school may send *one* student essay for each grade 4, 5 and 6.
- There is no entry fee.
- **Topic: Water Resources: Where are we now? What does the future hold?**

For additional information, please contact Christine Goedhart-Humphrey, Student Events Coordinator, at (661) 636-4330 or by e-mail at [chumphrey@kern.org](mailto:chumphrey@kern.org) or Teresa Twisselman, English/Language Arts Coordinator at (661) 636-4645 or by e-mail at [tetwisselman@kern.org](mailto:tetwisselman@kern.org).