Young Authors Conference
May 2020
Field trip for grades 4-8

- Is writing a passion for your students? If so, SBC’s Young Authors Conference is the event for them. Students spend a day learning from and writing with professional Minnesota authors. They leave with new strategies, ideas, and skills to become better writers.

- Breakout sessions are engaging, interactive, and informative. A variety of topics are offered, including poetry, journalism, spoken word, short stories, memoir, playwriting, and songwriting. Students attend a keynote and three breakout sessions. Live music, an open mic, and a book fair keeps students busy and engaged during lunch.

Keynote Speaker: Kevin Kling

- **Kevin Kling**, renowned Minnesota storyteller, has written plays for children that have premiered at the Children’s Theatre Company in Minneapolis and Seattle Children’s Theater. His one person shows and full cast plays have been produced at regional theaters such as The Guthrie and The Kennedy Center. Kevin has written 5 books and appears often on PBS and Minnesota Public Radio. Kevin is most proud of his work as a teacher, playwright and performer with Interact Center, a company that creates art in the spirit of radical inclusion. At the heart of our stories, Kevin says, “We write about how families, friends and communities bolster us during challenging experiences, and these are the stories that feather our nest. But as writers, the creative force comes from what makes each of us different. We often learn the greatest truths when we are able to distill and value our unique perspective.”

2020 Theme: **Words Have Power**

- Words and stories hold tremendous power: they spark imagination, inspire confidence, help heal, honor family, show gratitude, demonstrate kindness, and share truth.

Register Today!

- The Young Authors Conference is brought to you by a collaboration between Success Beyond the Classroom & Metro ECSU, which provides cost-effective, high quality educational services to Twin Cities schools & districts.

www.successbeyond.org/YAC.html

Learn more:

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**Costs**

**Metro ECSU member rates**
- Early bird $39 per student
- Regular $41 per student

**Nonmember rates**
- Early bird $53 per student
- Regular $55 per student

**Deadlines**

**Early bird registration**
- by February 3, 2020

**Regular registration**
- by February 28, 2020

Join us!

**When:**
- May 26, 27, 28, or 29, 2020 from 8:30am to 1:35pm

**Where:**
- Bethel University
- Arden Hills, Minnesota