

Children's author and Volunteer USA Foundation announce 2012 Celebration of Reading Student Writing Contest

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Volunteer USA Foundation and best-selling children's author Jeff Kinney announced an entertaining writing contest open to students in southwest Florida. Kinney is well-known for his "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" book series, which combines funny stories about growing up with doodles and cartoons.

Contest winners accompanied by their parents will be recognized at a VIP breakfast, sponsored by Brown & Brown Public Risk Insurance Agency, to kickoff Volunteer USA Foundation's 12th Celebration of Reading. The annual literacy event will take place Friday, Feb. 17, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa and is hosted by former Gov. Jeb Bush, Mrs. Barbara Bush and members of the Bush family to support successful family literacy programs in the southeast U.S. The students will be Kinney's guests of honor at the Celebration of Reading breakfast and have the opportunity to visit with the author and share their winning submissions.

Entries must be submitted electronically to Contest@VolunteerUSAFund.org or postmarked no later than the Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012 to: Volunteer USA Foundation, Attn: COR 2012 Writing Contest, 516 North Adams Street, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301.

Fifteen winners will be selected based on their writing and imagination. Winners will be listed at www.volunteerusafoundation.org and schools will be notified on Jan. 27, 2012 in conjunction with Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida.

For more information, call Volunteer USA Foundation at 850-562-5300.

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