



Elaine/E.B. Vickers author visits

Note from the author: One of the things I love most about being an author is connecting with kids, teachers, and librarians--through school visits as well as through books! As a teacher for sixteen years (and counting), I'm comfortable with kindergarten through college-aged groups. As a chemistry professor, I'm more than happy to sneak math and science and other curriculum into presentations.



RATES + PROGRAMS 2021/22

Virtual Options

Live Q&A

Ask Elaine anything! That being said, 30 or 45 minutes can fly by quickly, so she finds it best when schools compile a list of 5-6 or 7-8 vetted student questions that she can answer. She also likes to reserve a little time at the end of each live Q&A session for impromptu questions!

Rates:

30-minutes.....\$350
45-minutes.....\$500



"My fourth graders had the opportunity to Skype with Elaine this school year, and it was, in a nutshell, amazing! We were reading "Paper Chains" as a class read aloud at the time, so my students were star-struck. Not only did Elaine share about her life and her writing process, but she even read aloud an excerpt from her not-yet-published upcoming novel! She also took the time to answer a TON of questions with the utmost kindness, patience, and warmth. It was an unforgettable experience for all of us!"

--Maria Vallejo, 4th Grade Teacher, Hannah Martin Elementary School

Workshops

Each workshop is approximately 45 minutes in length, at the rate of \$450 each (if separate from half-day or full-day visit.)

★ **Be Thankful!**

In this presentation, I'll share a little of the story behind *Thankful* as well as some behind-the-scenes secrets from the book's creation. We'll also read the book together and talk about why being thankful is so important--and the fact that gratitude makes us happier and healthier. Bonus: Bring the fun back to the classroom--or the whole school!--with the (free) printable [Thankful Chains Activity](#) or [Thankful Activity Guide!](#) **(Grades K-8)**



★ **You Are Enough**

Drawing on the themes of *Fadeaway* and the story behind the book, this informative, inspirational presentation faces head-on the pressures and expectations teens feel today and reminds them of the incredible power within each of us to become. To overcome. To have compassion for one another and recognize that we are truly all in it together, and each one of us is not only unique, but *enough*. **(Grades 7-12)**

★ **Grow Your Creativity**

Every student may not dream of being an author, but all students have the potential to be incredibly creative. In this presentation, I share several ways to grow the creativity that already exists inside each of us and help students see that the world really does need their creativity. When we cultivate that creativity and find the confidence to let it grow, we truly can change lives--starting with our own. **(Grades 4-9)**



★ **The Biggest Summer/Year of Your Life**

Especially fitting for the end of the calendar or school year, this presentation is designed around the idea that this summer can be the biggest year of a student's life (so far). Through three interactive challenges, Elaine will help students paint their own mental picture about what "the biggest summer of my life" might mean for them this year—and how they can make it happen. **(Grades K-8)**

★ **Grow Your Story (workshop only)**

This workshop helps students recognize the story ideas all around. Each student will take their story seeds and choose one to develop, whether they're starting with a character, a theme, or an overall concept. Students will turn that seed into the framework for a whole novel by organically drawing out the elements in their initial idea.



★ **Custom Presentation or Workshop:** Any of the above presentations can be tailored to an individual school or range of grade levels. In addition Elaine will work with the teachers and librarians to craft a workshop and/or presentation that fits into the current curriculum. Custom events can include topics in language arts, math, music, and/or science.

In-person Options

HALF DAY

Choose 1-2 workshops, plus lunch with the author for a small group of students and/or faculty.

Rate.....\$800 + travel/lodging

FULL DAY

Choose up to 4 workshops, plus lunch with the author for a small group of students and/or faculty.

Rate.....\$1500 + travel/lodging

Testimonials

"The whole presentation was spectacular. There was just enough balance between 'selling' your love of writing, and interaction with the kids to get them excited about doing something new. The kids and I were not only entertained, but we learned a lot about what an author 'looks' like. Thank you for sharing that you also love to do something other than write."

--Becca Esplin, Fourth Grade Teacher at Fiddlers Canyon Elementary

"Elaine's dynamic personality as an author/presenter invites conversation and reflection. She is both approachable and fun. It is evident that she loves what she does and loves the life she lives. Our middle school students were dazzled by her adventures and her life experiences. For Elaine, there is a story everywhere---life is Like Magic, now go write about it!"

--Amyanne Rigby, Canyon View Middle School PTSA

"My Creative Writing class was privileged to have Elaine as our guest author for a mini workshop. She guided the students through the process of writing a novel. They were captivated by her enthusiasm and thoroughly motivated to follow in her footsteps! Thank you so much!"

--Annette Black, Language Arts Teacher at Cedar Middle School