

# Preparing Your School for Annie's Author Adventures!



Anytime a student is given the opportunity to meet face to face with the author of a book they've read or have heard about, a unique connection is made. They experience the person behind the story they've come to love and then begin to understand the creative power of imagination.

An author visit is a great way to help kids realize their own potential to become writers and storytellers by becoming better readers, writers and thinkers!

A successful author visit is made up of the following:

## **Preparation**

It paves the way for a SUCCESSFUL VISIT! When everyone is involved from the librarian, teachers, PTA and Principal then enthusiasm is high and a great Annie's Author Adventures day is on its way!

Make sure that the students know that Annie is visiting the school. A good way to do this is to talk about her coming, to hang posters in the office and classrooms (See Annie is coming to our school poster), and display Annie's books and order forms in the school library.

Go to [www.heroicalstoricals.com](http://www.heroicalstoricals.com) and have each classroom teacher read the first chapter of the book to the students.

The more excited you are, the more excited the kids will be. And when the kids are excited, any message the author gives them will really hit home.

Send the book order forms and encourage teachers to remind students to bring in their book orders.

Put the day of Annie's visit on the school marquee as a reminder to parents that a special day in the life of their student is coming!

Prepare the students with appropriate questions to ask Annie.

Who or what inspired you to write?

Is rewriting all that important?

Did you ever feel discouraged and want to give up?

How did you know that you wanted to be a writer?

Did you ever write something that was terrible?

What is the process of getting a book published?

What do you like most about being an author?

How many hours a day do you write?

Where do your ideas come from?

Do you have a favorite author or book?

Do you use your life experiences in your writing?

Where did you find your information on Daniel Boone?

How long did it take you to write your book?

When you were growing up in school, did you like to write?

Do you have more books that you want to write?

Will your book be made into a movie or television series?

How many books have you sold?

Who did your drawings in your book?

What do you like to do when you are not writing?

Set up the room for Annie's visit, microphone and table. No stage is necessary as Annie prefers to be talking to the students at their eye level.