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### **SEEDS Launches Community Writing Project**

Writing is a gift like no other. Writing well can influence people and change minds. SEEDS, Daphne's education foundation, hopes to encourage a lifelong love of writing through a new community project called Daphne Writes!

Residents and education supporters of all ages are invited to join students and teachers in writing about timely themes and issues of importance to the community. Topics will be announced on SEEDS' new blog site at [seedsindaphne.wordpress.com](http://seedsindaphne.wordpress.com) and promoted by teachers and project volunteers.

Inspired by current economic news, the kick-off theme emphasizes how learning to live with less requires changes in habits and attitudes. Those interested in taking part are asked to share their thoughts on the following question:

**"Money is tight for everyone these days and many families are making changes. What are you doing differently?"**

Short essays on this theme will be accepted on the blog site and by email at [info@seedsindaphne.org](mailto:info@seedsindaphne.org) through the end of October. A new holiday theme will be announced in November.

**To launch the project, Mayor Fred Small and the Daphne City Council have proclaimed Tuesday, October 13, as Daphne Writes Day. Students in the five Daphne public schools and at Christ the King Catholic School will enjoy special, campus-wide activities and outstanding essays will be featured at the second annual SEEDS Summit later that evening at Daphne High's Trojan Hall, beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

Additional community activities to celebrate the art of writing will be held throughout the 2009-10 school year. For more information, contact SEEDS at (251)656-7333 or [info@seedsindaphne.org](mailto:info@seedsindaphne.org).

#### **Student winners of the Daphne Writes! kick-off contest:**

Kylee Agee / 1st grade/ Daphne Elementary School  
Marley Smith / 3rd grade / Daphne East Elementary School  
Alex Dudenhoefter / 5th grade / W. J. Carroll Intermediate School  
Taylor Mahoney / 7<sup>th</sup> grade / Christ the King Catholic School  
Katie Thorpe / 7<sup>th</sup> grade / Daphne Middle School  
Sarah Bodden / 10<sup>th</sup> grade) / Daphne High School

