Cracker Storytelling Festival
P.O. Box 122
Homeland, Florida, 33847

The Cracker Storytelling Festival Committee will be celebrating their 23rd year. We are excited to have a large number of Florida storytellers to bring you an exciting and entertaining day with your students. This event is local, fits curriculum for all grade levels and is very inexpensive. You may consider using Title I money to help with the bus fees. We are seeking donations from local businesses to continue the bus fee grant we started last year. There will be more information regarding the grant in the fall.

Hank Mattson dressed in his cowboy attire will bring back the days of Cracking whips and rounding up cattle with his poetry. Cheryl Floyd shares Cajun stories; Carrie Sue Ayvar entertains listeners with her Spanglish style and tales from many cultures. Twice Upon a Time; Kim Rivers a Cuban Cracker along with Nancy Crockford mix music and folktales. Tamara Green uses vivid costumes and dramatic presentations to keep listeners on the edge of their seat. Kaleidoscope Storytellers; Terry Deer and Suzie Shaeffer puppeteers bring out the youth in all listeners. Gladys Varga of Gladtales Productions has a subtle and quite method of telling her stories that will keep listeners spellbound. Mitchell O'Rear engages audiences with his dramatic storytelling, Katie Adams weaves stories with her voice and movements, Kaye Byrnes will keep young and old waiting for the next tale to be spun. Linda Chancey, Connie Trama and Melissa Causey are all three from Polk County and work with the local public libraries. They have been telling tales to local schools and library groups for several years and continue to enlighten everyone with old and new stories. Betsy Hayba and Mark Koruschak were new to the Cracker Storytelling Festival last year and we are glad they could come again this year. Judge Nelson Bailey will be joining us for the first time this year and we look forward to hearing him bring Florida history to life.

You can register now by returning the form that is attached to Terrie Sullivan at Library Media Services, Jim Miles PDC. We are expecting a great turn out this year so don't delay in pre-registering.

Storytelling is part of the curriculum for all grade levels and our tellers tell stories to all age groups. Friday October 7th, is the day that we have set aside for the schools to come and partake in this wonderful opportunity to learn without knowing it. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Terrie at 647-4716, 57955 or by email at terrie.sullivan@polk-fl.net

Respectfully
Cracker Storytelling Committee