

## MEZ BLUME – SCHOOL VISIT INFO

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I'm Mez, author of the acclaimed *Katie Watson Mysteries in Time* series, and I'm on a campaign to help children all around the world discover the Wonder of Story.

My interactive workshops aim to spark students' creativity, curiosity and confidence around reading and writing, all while having a blast. I'd love to visit your school this year!



Have questions or want to go ahead and book a date?

Email me at [mez@riverrotterbooks.com](mailto:mez@riverrotterbooks.com) or visit <http://www.mezblume.com/events>.

### WHAT TEACHERS & STUDENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT MEZ'S SCHOOL VISITS

- *"I loved her rapport with the students! It was excellent!"* – Sue Nell Smeltzer, 3rd-grade teacher
- *"The children were inspired to write. Thank you!"* – Helen H. Zeagler, 3rd-grade teacher
- *"It was awesome, fantastic, amazing... there's so many ways I could describe it!"* – Noah Spivey, age 10

### WHAT TO EXPECT FROM A SCHOOL VISIT (1 Hour Sessions)

- Talk with PowerPoint slides about the adventures behind writing a book
- Going "behind-the-scenes" to explore the real-life history that inspired Katie's time-travel adventures (includes lots of props!)
- "What if?" interactive story-writing workshop
- Q&A time
- Book-signing for students purchasing copies

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

- **STANDARD FEE:** I charge a standard fee for a half or a full day visit in line with The Society of Authors guidelines - \$400 for a half day (a typical half day would include 3 hour-long sessions). Each additional session will cost \$100. Upon request, I can do a single session (i.e. for a smaller school or an assembly) for \$250.\*
- **BOOK SALES:** Should children want to purchase signed copies of my book, I bring a supply with me to distribute after my talk. I can provide custom order forms to be sent home 2 weeks in advance, giving parents the option 1) for the price of the book/s to be added to that term's bill (I then bill the school for the books sold), or 2) for children to bring in the amount in to their teachers in advance of the visit. I then collect book moneys at the end of the day.
- **EXPENSES:** I do not charge travelling expenses within 30 minutes' driving distance from the Athens area, but for visits further afield I will typically charge \$.50/mi for gas.
- **YEAR GROUPS:** A typical audience consists of grades 2 to 6, but I am very happy to speak with older and younger groups by arrangement, including secondary-school students.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 30-60 is the optimum size of a group to allow for full interaction (typically a class or a year group). However, I can do the presentation to larger or smaller groups by arrangement.
- **EQUIPMENT:** I carry my own laptop but will require access to PowerPoint projection facilities.\*\*

\* If the prices quoted are not coverable by your school's budget, please do let me know – other arrangements may be possible.

\*\* Where projection facilities are not available, I can give the presentation without if pre-arranged.