

## Southwest Institute for ViolenceFree Learning Brisenia Flores Memorial Award



The Southwest Institute for ViolenceFree learning (SWIVL) invites all intermediate students from Sopori Elementary School (Amado, Arizona) to participate in the SWIVL Brisenia Flores Memorial Award (SBFMA). This award honors the young life of Brisenia Flores by offering to intermediate grade children the opportunity to display and share their creative ideas around the care and responsible treatment of animals. Students have the opportunity to promote kindness and compassion towards animals through creative writing, art, or music.

To participate, in the SWIVL Brisenia Flores Memorial Award, students will fill out an application identifying a companion animal (dogs or cats) or a farmed animal (goats, cattle, pigs, chicken), for the project and describe why you are interested in participating in the award project. After a student completes an application to participate in the SBFMA project, they will receive a journal from SWIVL to record their daily observations and interactions with their companion or farmed animal for a month. At the end of the month, students will then answer the following questions:

- 1) **What have you learned from this special relationship?**
- 2) **What does being kind to animals mean to you?**
- 3) **What can you do to create a more compassionate and responsible community?**

**Students will develop a project based on the above three questions, which can include an essay, photos, art or music to tell their story regarding their personal relationship with either a companion or farmed animal.**

**Applications are due to SWIVL, P.O. Box 670, Arivaca, 85601 by December 4, 2009.**

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All student projects and journals must be completed on or before  
February 5, 2010.

**Student work will be evaluated by four representative members of the community. Based upon the evaluation by the committee:**

Six student winners will be chosen from the companion animal category – Two students from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

Six student winners will be chosen from the farmed animal category – Two students from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

All 12 students will receive a \$25.00 VISA cash award. Winners will have their work presented on the SWIVL web site.

Winners will be announced and awards will be presented on March 11, 2010 at Sopori School. All winners, parents/guardians, and teachers are invited to attend a celebration party at SWIVL on Sunday, March 28, 2010 from 2-4 p.m.

Note: Additional information on the humane treatment of animals can be found at <a href="http://www.swivl.org/">http://www.swivl.org/</a> SWIVL_Brisenia_Flores_Memorial_Award
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