**“Telling Our Tales” Student Writing Competition 2018 Writing Prompts**

1. Do you remember the time you realized you or someone you know were different from others? Describe what was different? What happened when it was discovered?
2. What is a habit or trait passed down to you from a family member? It could be physical, like having your father’s height, or emotional, like your mother’s caring nature. Describe a time when this trait really showed itself during a family gathering or some other event (Ex: Eugene’s father’s habit of hiding nervousness behind humor showed itself when he talked to the doctor).
3. Describe an experience that was initially seen as a much bigger deal than it was? Or, have you ever thought of something as a smaller deal than it was?
4. Are there any animal-like traits you or somebody you know has (such as having the “eyes of a hawk,” or a personality like a “mama bear”)? What is it? Was there a time it came in handy?
5. Think about the place where you live, describe your favorite room. Is there an odd detail you remember from a past instance (ex: a ticking clock)? What was it, and what was going on around you?