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# January 2025 Newsletter

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Holiday thanks: a WCM friend wins the quilt!



*Above: Last semester coaches worked with Kalispell Middle School students on American Revolution research papers and narrative essays.*

# Coaching opportunities

Our first 2025 coaching sessions are ready for registration! Trained coaches can log in to register through the links, below.

**Flathead**

Kalispell Middle School

**Tuesday, January 7**: 6th grade poetry, Handford, Sanders

Period 1, 8:00 - 8:55, 2 more coaches

Period 2, 9:00 - 9:50, 3 more coaches

Not a trained coach yet? Sign up for our one of our upcoming new coach workshops, details below.

For folks interested in Missoula and Ravalli, contact coordinator Kat Jackson ([kat@writingcoachesofmontana.org](mailto:kat@writingcoachesofmontana.org)). For individuals in Flathead, email coordinator Jeanne Wdowin ([jeanne@writingcoachesofmontana.org](mailto:jeanne@writingcoachesofmontana.org)).

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**New coach workshops**

We have two upcoming new coach workshops.

WCM is delighted to begin serving Potomac School and Seeley-Swan High School in 2025! See details for an in-person training at [Potomac School](#), below.

A second virtual workshop will be held for all new coaches across the state.

- [Tuesday, January 21st, 5:30-8:30pm in-person at Potomac School: REGISTER HERE](#)
  - [Thursday, January 23rd, 5:30-8:30pm online for coaches in any location: REGISTER HERE](#)
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WITH

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## New Writing Matters podcast episode

WCM's [podcast, Writing Matters](#), is back in its second season with its fifth episode: A Conversation with Jeanne Wdowin, Science Educator Extraordinaire!

Host Kat Jackson (Missoula/Ravalli coordinator & development coordinator) and Lucille Vanek (previous intern) are this season's hosts, and they are tackling a fascinating series about writing in science!

In the latest episode, Kat and Lucille speak with WCM's own Jeanne Wdowin who taught as a middle school science teacher for over three decades. She has wonderful insights into the importance of connecting science and writing in students' education. [Check out the conversation here.](#)



## **Thank you to holiday donors!**

Thank you to everyone who donated during the 2024 holiday season! WCM achieved its holiday goal and can therefore continue to offer outstanding programming at no cost to schools.

Congratulations to Annette Thomas, the lucky Friends of WCM monthly donor who won the coffee-themed quilt raffle! Annette is not only a wonderful supporter of Ravalli County programming, but she is a previous WCM board member. Thank you to Coach Denise for donating the quilt and thank you to Annette and all of WCM's monthly donors for being the ultimate WCM supporters!

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