

The next Saturday morning edition of the After School Writing Center is Saturday, February 2, from 10:00-10:45 a.m. in KMS Room 105. This special morning will feature a guest author:

Dr. Mick Cochrane, professor and chairman of the English Department at Canisius College. Among Mr. Cochrane's several books is his 2009 young adult novel, *The Girl Who Threw Butterflies*, which Kenmore-Tonawanda middle-school students have often read in their ELA classes.

Mr. Cochrane will talk about the writing process, read from his work, do Q & A, and lead students in a creative writing exercise. Don't miss this event. Tell your friends!

Here is an excerpt from *The Girl Who Threw Butterflies*, which Mr. Cochrane has described as being “about writing as much as it is about pitching:”

“The knuckleball wasn't just a pitch. It was an attitude toward life; it was a way of being in the world. It was a philosophy/ “You don't aim a butterfly,” her father used to say. “You release it.” Each pitch had a life of its own. It wasn't about control; it wasn't about muscle. Each floating and fluttering pitch was a little miracle. It was all about surprise.”