ITBE's 13th Annual Elementary Poetry Contest

This year's poetry contest was a huge success!
There were a total of 221 entries. Thank you to our sponsoring teachers for participating in the contest.

Kelly Becker	Johnson Elementary- Warrenville, IL
Sheryl Bernth	Washington Elementary- Wheaton, IL
Don Casper	Washington Elementary- Wheaton, IL
Melissa Chiappini	Lowell Elementary- Wheaton, IL
Brian Clark	Washington Elementary- Wheaton, IL
Donna DeVito	Westchester Primary School- Westchester, IL
Patti Gebner	Emerson Elementary- Wheaton, IL
Amanda Goman	Fry Elementary & Patterson Elementary- Naperville, IL
Susan Kim	Stratton Elementary- Champaign, IL
Alison LaManna	Pleasant Hill Elementary- Winfield, IL
Joanne Lang	Washington Elementary- Wheaton, IL
Gail Lobue	Johnson Elementary- Warrenville, IL
Alissa Lueondee	Lowell Elementary- Wheaton, IL
Ewa Pitcher	Willow Bend Elementary- Rolling Meadows, IL
Asma Qazi	York Center Elementary- Lombard, IL
Robin Richards	Fry Elementary- Naperville, IL
Kimberly Seaman	Pleasant Hill Elementary- Winfield, IL
Jo Turner	Lowell Elementary- Wheaton, IL

ITBE 2017
Meeting the Challenge

Newcomer Award of Merit – 2nd Grade

Student: Henry Lian

Title: Animals

Animals are cute

Animals can swim a lot

Lions are the best!

Newcomer Award of Merit – 3rd Grade

Student: Paula Lopez

Title: Paula

Paula

Kind, helpful, reader, friendly

Daughter of Enrique and Teresa Lopez

Love of horseback riding, hairstyling, and traveling

Who feels happy when I get an A+ in school, excited for to see the first snow, sad when I think of the horses in Mexico

Who dreams to be a mom someday because I want to do their hair, carry them and make breakfast

Who fears snakes, wolves and lions

Who would like to see Rome because there is Pope Francis

Who lives in Naperville where there are pretty houses, lots of trees

And playgrounds

Newcomer Award of Merit – 4th Grade

Student: Geonwoo Park

Title: Thanksgiving

Korean Thanksgiving

Family time Fun

Eating Playing Resting

September Korean food Turkey November

Eating Cooking Resting

Family time Turkey time

American Thanksgiving

Newcomer Award of Merit – 5th Grade

Student: Helen Mawi

Title: Helen

Helen

Jolly, polite, respectful, hysterical

Daughter of Ngan and Pathang

Love of sports, dancing, and studying

Who feels delighted when I work hard at something to learn, kind to people when people are kind to me, and sad when people are sad.

Who dreams to be a doctor because doctors make people better, healthy, help the people, and doctor is a highest professional.

Who fears being alone in the dark, when a shark is around me, and scary things.

Who would like to meet my family in Burma so I can give my family anything they need.

Who lives in Carol Stream by the playground and kind of nearby a duck or Goose pond with a water fountain.

2nd Grade Acrostic Poems

First Place: Insiya Oanali

Title: Ramadan

Ridah are beautiful to wear.
Arabic is are language.
Meeting friends and family.
Able to bring something for kids.
Doing roso for the whole day.
A place where muslims pray.
Namaz is when everyone prays together.

2nd Grade Acrostic Poems

Second Place: Lorena Paunvic

Title: Lorena

Love living in Naperville
October is fun
Reading in inglish is difficult
English is my third language
Neshto means “something” in Serbian
America is a big country

2nd Grade Bio Poems

First Place: Alejandra Martinez

Title: Alejandra

Beautiful, sloppy, cheerful, and frustrated.
Daughter of Griselda and Julio.
Love of snowflakes, painting, and playing outdoors with my family.
Who feels loved thinking about God, excited when Santa Claus brings you toys while you are sleeping in your bed, and cheerful when I get to take a picture with him.
Who dreams to be a gymnastics teacher because I want to teach kids how to do flips and handstands.
Who fears the rock climbing wall, when my mom is sad, and monsters.
Who would like to see the North Pole and Santa Claus and his elves.
Who lives in Carol Stream, a town where my family lives and my friends live too.

2nd Grade Bio Poems

Second Place: Brian Villa Romero

Title: Brian

Kind, helpful, silly, and brave
Son of Augustin. My dad is a mechanic
Love of playing with my friends, reading with my
mom, and learning new things
Who feels fantastic when I horse ride, lazy when I
do my chores, and happy when I go to the zoo
Who dreams to be a zookeeper. It would be an
honor to be a zookeeper
Who fears spiders, crocodiles, and sharks
Who would like to see Paris in France so I can see
the Eiffel Tower
Who lives in happy and joyful Carol Stream

2nd Grade Diamante Poems

First Place: Eleni Bastas

Title: Greece/United States

Greece
Old, Fantastic
Dancing, Sailing Eating
Festivals, Greek, Parties, English
Running, Playing, Talking
New, Wonderful
United States

2nd Grade Diamante Poems

Second Place: Christian Lane Babon

Title: Philippines/United States

Philippines
Beautiful, Awesome
Cooking, Dancing, Celebrating
Tagalog, Islands, English, cars
Learning, Playing, Helping
Pretty, Amazing
United States

2nd Grade Haiku Poems

First Place: Daniel Gimenez Gallardo

Title: Silent Night

The moon is shining
Silent night with the skies bright
The night is freedom

2nd Grade Haiku Poems

Second Place: Edgar Serna

Title: Volcano

Scary volcano
Is so noisy and rumbles
Lava explodes out

The Second Grade Best of the Best Winner Is…

3rd Grade Acrostic Poems

First Place: Naira Khan

Title: Ramadan

Remembering a special person
A mosque is where we go during Ramadan
Mama makes the best food
Amazing gifts from my aunts and my uncles
Dresses are pretty
Awesome food
Namaz is how we pray in our religion

3rd Grade Acrostic Poems

Second Place: Zaynab Mamasharifova

Title: Uzbekistan

U tube is what they like the best
Zoos have zebras and tigers
Before we went to my grandmother's house we bought a kitty cat
Each person in my family has a kitty cat
Keep going back to see grandma
I am from Uzbekistan
Sometimes it is hot, sometimes it snows
Then we go to play
Always people go outside to the pool
None of them don't like snow

3rd Grade Bio Poems

First Place: Hannah Arroyo Joya

Title: Hannah

Exquisite, jolly, great, and silly
Daughter of Catalina and Adrian
Love of gymnastics, painting, and singing
Who feels angry when my brother wakes me early, I feel
Hilarious when I do pranks at my aunt's house, and merry
When I go on vacation
Who dreams to be a Colombian singer because I love to
Sing in Spanish.
Who fears spiders, bees, and the dark
Who would like to see Florida because it has an enormous
pool
Who lives in Carol Stream that has a giant park

3rd Grade Bio Poems

Second Place: Andrea

Title: Andrea Jaimes-Alvarez

friendly, intelligent, musical, hardworking, Mexican
Daughter of Yoana and Martin who work in Bartlett Chocolate Factory
Love of English and Spanish music, chores, babysitting my brother and sister, planting flowers and math facts
Who feels excited, joyful, and glad while I am with my little brother, sad when my brother is crying and responsible when I am doing chores
Who dreams to be a famous Mexican English singer because I am going to be the first famous singer in my family on my mom and dad side
Who fears hairy, creepy spiders, mice, and crunchy bugs.
Who wants to see the flowers in Mexico with my whole family because we want to bring flowers to my abuelita who lives in Acapulco
Who lives in Warrenville, IL in a small apartment with lots of people who speak Spanish

3rd Grade Diamante Poems

First Place: Saketh Iska

Title: American Trains/Indian Trains

American trains
Fast, slow
Moving, honking, working
Diesel, steam, electric, subway
Ringing, going, chugging
Rusty, quiet
Indian trains

3rd Grade Diamante Poems

Second Place: Saramaria Garcia

Title: Day of the dead/Halloween

Day of the dead
joyful delightful
dancing singing speaking Spanish
tamales pinata candy trick or treat
walking running speed walking
scary spooky
Halloween

3rd Grade Haiku Poems

First Place: Alex Huang

Title: Tropical Islands

Coconuts dropping,
Never-ending sumer time,
Oceans everywhere

3rd Grade Haiku Poems

Second Place: Jishnu Magar

Title: Space

Planets wandering
Universe meeting others
Galaxy staying

3rd Grade Open Poems

First Place: Fatima Huerta Garcia

Title: The day of the Dead is great

The Day of the Dead
Is important because
You remember your
Family who past
Away.

El día de los Muertos
Is when you light up
Candles and put up
Pictures of who
Dide. And also
A little box where
The body lay.

But when you
Celebrate
remembr
Them and sing
Dead songs
That mean Day
Of the Dead.

3rd Grade Open Poems

Second Place: Anushree Patra

Title: My Name is Anushree

I am from India
I speak English, Telugu, Hindi, Odia
I like to go hiking
When I am in India I feel happy
And I always have fun in India
In India when I go shopping I see so many toys and Barbie dolls
I feel so happy and in India I play with my friend
Now I am in America
Especially in school I have fun when I study
In home with my sister I all ways in the hallway of my apartment
And I like to go park and I play in there
In school sometimes we go on fieldtrips on the bus
That is how I feel about India and America

The Third Grade Best of the Best Winner Is…

4th Grade Acrostic Poems

First Place: Saumil Goyal

Title: Great India & America

INTERESTING HISTORY OF THE
NOBLE DEEDS OF GREAT PEOPLE IN A
DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY WITH
INCREADIBLE FACTORS AND
ASTONISHING RELIGIONS

AMAZING LAND OF
MARVELOUS PEOPLE WITH
ELEGANT Beauty AND
REMARKABLE PRESIDENTS WITH AN
INTEGRITY OF THE
CONSPICUOUS CONSTITUTION AND
ASTOUNDING ECONOMY

4th Grade Acrostic Poems

Second Place: Kenneth Phan

Title: Vietnam

Voices are delightful
Interesting houses and motorcycles
Entertaining dancing and music
Traveled in two planes
Names are different
Armies to protect
Markets to buy food

4th Grade Bio Poems

First Place: Emily Tellez

Title: Emily

Friendly, shy, brave, and responsible
Daughter of Jose a painter and Rosalia helps old people
Love of Soccer, art, math, school, and being with friends
Who feels, powerful when I kick the ball in soccer, joyful while
I'm with my friends, shy when I meet new people, and
responsible when I turn in homework
Who dreams to be a soccer player because I love seeing
Cristiano Ronaldo score goals wish I could score goals like him
Who fears spiders like tarantulas, creepy dolls, and colorful clowns
Who would like to see Cristiano Ronaldo from Real Madrid Futbol,
Alex Morgan from USA soccer, and Neymar Jr from Brazil Futbol
I also would like to go to Mexico to see the place where my family
is from because I haven't met my family
Who lives in Warrenville where there is two parks and lots of friends
that speak Spanish

4th Grade Bio Poems

First Place: Evelyn Coss

Title: Evelyn

Loving, polite, intelligent, fair, and sweet
Daughter of Mayeli, a house cleaner, Daniel a hard worker
Love of reading, playing with friends and running in gym
Who feels strong, energized, and athletic while I play soccer, who feels likes I'm in a concert when I'm singing and dancing and who feels joyful when reading alone
Who dreams to be a famous singer, dancer, and artist because I love music and singing
Who fears creepy clowns, ugly moving dolls, and when I'm in a Classroom and the teacher calls on me and I don't know anyone, not even my teacher
Who lives in the town of Warrenville in a medium yellow house and Lots of people speak Spanish by me
Who would like to see a real castle because I want to see how big it is

4th Grade Bio Poems

Second Place: Brandon Carmona

Title: Brandon

Goofy, clever, handsome, and creative
Son of a housekeeper and carwasher
Love of coloring, music, and flying my drone
Who feels brave when I kill spiders, curious about space, and joyfull of raindrops
Who dreams to be a pizza maker so I can deliver pizza and can spin the doh. I put the toppings on
Who fears drones, Donald Trump's wall, and heights
Who would like to see Florida to go to Disneyland to have fun there
Who lives in Carol Stream where it's peaceful

4th Grade Diamante Poems

First Place: Ananyashri Senthil

Title: India/U.S.

India
Incredible tolerant
Celebrating worshiping studying
Temples monuments lakes parks
Jogging helping reading
Revolutionary, Powerful
U.S.

4th Grade Diamante Poems

Second Place: Jesse Wojcik

Title: Polish Food/USA Food

Babka
Delicious Sugary
Mix Bake Wait
Cake dessert beef fries
Drive thru buy eat
tasty cheesy
hamburger

4th Grade Haiku Poems

First Place: Miya Dai

Title: Dolphins

Blue and colorful
Dolphins playing happily
In the wide blue sea

4th Grade Haiku Poems

Second Place: Winner Inyindjo

Title: Spring

Flowers are pretty
I love the windy weather
I wear a sweater

4th Grade Open Poems

First Place: Saw Moo Sae Hser

Title: Thailand

Smells like eggs
Looks like many tree
Sounds like motorcycles
Feels like wind
Tastes like cold

Thailand is exciting

The Fourth Grade Best of the Best Winner Is…

5th Grade Acrostic Poems

First Place: Helena Nur

Title: Ethiopia

Energetic people
Terrific
Helpful public
Injera
Other side of the world
Pretty
Independent
Amazing

5th Grade Acrostic Poems

Second Place: Khujaahmad Turopov

Title: Khujaahmad

Kind
Humble
Understanding
Jolly and fun-loving
Awesome
Adorable
Honored
Master in Math facts
Always hard-working
Desiring to be successful

5th Grade Bio Poems

First Place: Ariana Zuniga

Title: Ariana

Sweet, ambitious, dependable, and friendly
The daughter of Andres, the tile maker and Maria, the chief
Love of art class, Spanish music, and PE
Who feel excited when I get to open presents on Christmas Day, upset when my twin says she hates me and cheerful when me and my family go out to eat somewhere like Golden Corral
Who dreams to be a veterinarian when I grow up because I want to save dog's lives
Who fears red spiders, all snakes and scary, creepy clowns
Who would like to see New York City and Selena Gomez in concert because she is beautiful and has lovely songs
Who lives in a house with lots of Mexican people for example my twin sister, my uncle, my parents, my aunt and my dog who is named Lucky. It is near my school and a park.

5th Grade Bio Poems

Second Place: Yumbchinbadam Gantulga

Title: Yumbchinbadam

Hysterical, little bit lazy at home, wonderful, and brainy
Daughter of Gantulga and Bolormaa
Love of being alone at home, watching TV with my family and dance
Who feels mad when my mom said wash your dishes, angry when my dad got TV remote, and dejected when my math teacher said "No homework"
Who dreams to be working with NSS-spy, because working in NSS, I was watching movie of the NSS's movie it was superior
Who fears when my mom little bit angry, mammoth dogs, and colossal snakes
Who would like to Paris, because in the night time I want to see the Eiffel Tower
Who lives in Carol Stream because so many pools are there

5th Grade Diamante Poems

First Place: Aida Mondavi Sobbi

Title: Iranian Food/American Food

Kebob
Meaty chewy
Fry bake barbeque
Hot sauce Lemon bun meat
Pat grill enjoy
Juicy tasty
hamburger

5th Grade Diamante Poems

Second Place: Martyna Mroz

Title: Polish/American

Citizen
Beautiful European
Enjoying Defending Missing
Beaches Trees Cities Buildings
Rushing Shouting Yelling
Brave Interesting
Chicago

5th Grade Haiku Poems

First Place: Keenan Shoberg

Title: Waterfall

water splashing rocks
icicles and riverbeds
rapids and thunder

5th Grade Haiku Poems

Second Place: Shadan Al-Zuhairi

Title: Iraq Clouds

white gray sparkling
rainy stormy drifting change
cotton shapes by wind

5th Grade Open Poems

First Place: Leonid Beev

Title: About Me

My name is Leo.
I am from Russia.
I love being Russian-American.
America is my home, but Russia is my home too.
My family lives in America, but my brother and my cat live in Russia.
In America I have one friend, but in Russian I have five friends.
I want to stay in America!

The Fifth Grade Best of the Best Winner Is…

to all of our winners!

Remember to

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