

Elementary Poetry Contest

ITBE's 14th Annual Elementary Poetry Contest

2017 - 2018



The awards ceremony will be held on Friday, April 20, 2018 at the Tate Woods Elementary School, 1736 Middleton Av. Lisle Illinois 60535 at 5:00 P.M.

This year, the Elementary Poetry Contest Committee received 190 entries from 20 sponsoring teachers from ten of our public schools. Fifteen sponsoring teachers won a free membership to ITBE as well as a \$25 check. Thirty-eight students who entered the contest will be honored at an awards ceremony and will receive a Barnes and Noble gift card (\$30 for 1st place & \$20 for 2nd place), a book, and a certificate. Sponsoring teachers, students, parents, and their guests are invited to attend the Awards Ceremony in order to listen to the students as they delight us with their poetry.

Immediately following the ceremony, we will hold our annual SIG meeting and will have nominations and elect a new Elementary SIG Co-Chair.

I regret to inform our membership that Margaret Gigous is stepping down as the Elementary SIG Co-Chair and the Elementary Poetry Contest Co-Chair. She has served faithfully and diligently as SIG Co-Chair for the last 15 years. In addition, she started the poetry contest fourteen years ago and has, with the help of many volunteers, been able to celebrate the success of our student writers and their teachers. ITBE would like to thank her for all of her years of commitment and service to our EL population in the state of Illinois. Margaret will continue to be an active participant in a different capacity. You will be missed Margaret.

A big THANK YOU to the board for supporting this contest and to everyone who volunteered their time to judge the poems, to type, or to shop.

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE CEREMONY!