ITBE’s 10th Annual Elementary Poetry Contest

This year’s poetry contest was a huge success! There were a total of 134 entries. Thank you to our sponsoring teachers for participating in the contest.

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Here are The best of the best Winners

2nd Grade winner: Joseline Moreno
3rd Grade winner: Linda Paulino
4th grade winner: Tiya Davi
5th Grade winner: Daniel Perez
First Place: Joseline Moreno
Title: Silvia

Spanish is what my mom speaks
I love her
Loves to cook pasole
Very good at Spanish dancing
I have the best mom ever
Always checks my homework
Second Place: Kelsey Medina
Title: Family

Fun
Awesome
My own family
Is so nice to me
Listens to me when I’m talking
You’re the best
2nd Grade Bio Poems

First Place: Gabriella Martinez

Gaby
Popular, lovely, wonderful, respectful
Daughter of Lourdes who is a boss at a food store
Love of writing, art, and reading books
Who feels sad when my brother hits me, happy when I get something, and mad when my sister doesn’t play fair
Who dreams to be a principal because I want children safe
Who fears scary movies, scary dremes, and when my sister scares me
Who would like to see Willabook Wildlife because animals live there
Second Place: Paulina Martinez

Paulina
Brave, beautiful, lovely and happy.
Daughter of Grisela and Jesus.
Love of watching TV, jumping and cooking.
Who feels sad when my dad is not with me. I am mad when my sister hits me. I am happy when I have my teddybear and her name is Yackey.
Who dreams to be a teacher because I like to teach.
Who fears night, monsters and robirs.
Who would like to see Mexico because I want to see the dansers.
I live in an apartment that is big.
First Place: Susan Lee
Title: Different Countries

America
huge    clean
running   playing   learning
park    squirrels    apartment    choosuck
cooking    reading    writing
small    beautiful
Korea
Second Place: Alex Kim
Title: Korean

America
Beautiful huge
Walking talking looking
Family New York rice chop sticks
Learning running jogging
Small pretty
Korea
First Place: Miguel Toro
Title: Fall

Butterflies leave us
Bears hibernate all winter
Whales hibernate too.

Second Place: Javier Gonzalez - Martinez
Title: Fall

Chipmunks collect nuts
Collect pine cones from the tree
The owls hoot at night
First Place: Omar Lopez
Title: Soccer

S

Strike the ball out the field.
O

Offense plays on front to score goals.
C

Change players when a player gets hurt.
C

Check how many goals the teams score.
E

Even teams with eleven players.
R

Ring the bell when half time or the end of the game
Kevinas is Kevin in Lithuanian.
Eats Cepelinai my favorite food.
Vacationing in Lithuania this summer! Meeting my cousins for the 1st time!
I love my mom and dad.
Need to speak Lithuanian when my parents don’t know the English words.
First Place: Mira Kumar

Mira
Brilliant, talented, respectful, and friendly
Daughter of Melaka, a software engineer and a great cook, and Sai, a software engineer.
Love of playing ping pong, jumping ropes, and dancing.
Who feels excited when I go to India to see my family, joyful when I play, smart in all my classes.
Who dreams to be a doctor, because I love to help people by saving them when they are ill.
Who fears snakes, wild animals and ghosts.
Who would like to see Chennai, India because my family is still there and the city has pretty temples to pray.
Who lives in Naperville because it is clean and pretty.
Second Place: Luis Moreno

Luis
Cool, smart, nice and fun
Son of Luis and Sylvia Moreno
Love of soccer, video games and riding bikes
Who feels confident when it is math time, professional when I ride my bike, proud when I play soccer
Who dreams to be on a SWAT team because I want to protect my family
Who fears the world ending, monkey bars and falling off my bike
Who would like to see my family in Mexico because I miss my great grandma
Who lives in Aurora, Illinois that has a big tree for Christmas downtown
First Place: Gael Alfaro
Title: Pizza/Pozole

Pizza
Squishy hot
Bite hold taste
Sausage pepperoni hominy pork
Boil chop slurp
Spicy green
Pozole
Second Place: Alexa Labastida
Title: Christmas/Navidad

Christmas
Red, green
Unwrap, decorate, sing
Santa, Baby Jesus, 25th, 24th
Pray, celebrate, eat
Bright, colored
Navidad
First Place: Briseida Garcia
Title: Spring

Butterflies flying
Bees gather sweet gold nectar
The new flowers bloom

Second Place: Joel Guzman
Title: Trees

Trees have long branches
Trees help us to breathe with leaves
Trees make people live
First Place: Linda Paulino
Title: Christmas Time

Outside at Christmas time...
Snowflakes flutter to the beautiful, sparkly, silver ground.
Shiny, icy, solid icicles everywhere.
Beautiful, colorful, shiny lights glowing.
Small, golden bells ringing in the fresh air.

Inside at Christmas time...
Tasty, hot cocoa with marshmallows and whipped cream.
Big, shiny beautiful Christmas tree. Families celebrating Baby Jesus.

Second Place: Jolette Rosendo
Title: Christmas Time

Outside at Christmas time…
Christmas trees with lights.
Snowmen with hats on the top.
There is really cold snow to play with.
Carolers sing outside in stores.

Inside at Christmas time…
Colorful lights on the tree.
Tasty hot cocoa with squishy white marshmallows and whipped cream.
Toys under the Christmas tree. Families gather together to open presents.

First Place: Sudeep Adhikari
Title: Nepal
No winter in Nepal.
Elephants come at night.
People kill police officers.
Animals are dangerous and deadly.
Little kids walk by themselves.

Second Place: Cing Mn Nuam
Title: Burma
Bad guys kill people.
Use trucks to travel for a long trip.
Rats in the house.
Many children like eight or nine year olds baby-sit their little brother or sister.

Animals are dangerous like lions, tigers and bulls.

4th Grade - Bio Poems

First Place: Ahmed Shafiduddin

Ahmed
Cool, tired, shy, and smart
Son of a cashier
Love of collecting rocks; building a home of sticks, and playing Minecraft
Who feels angry when bothered, and happy when I go somewhere, and tired when I walk too much
Who dreams to be a scientist because I get to do experiments
Who fears when I am alone, when somebody opens the door in the dark, and scared when I go outside in the dark
Who would like to see London because there are a lot of buildings
Who lives in Carol Stream. Carol Stream is good because there is a park and the people are nice 😊.
Second Place: Michele Toxqui

Michele
Nice, Happy, Friendly, and Helpful
Daughter of Homemaker and Chef
Love of Art, Computer games, Gym and Crafts
Who feels silly when I talk with my friends, excited about Christmas, and delighted when my Mom buys me new clothes
Who dreams to be a veterinarian because I love to help dogs
Who fears spiders, rats and scary movies
Who would like to see my grandma, grandpa and sisters who live in Mexico because I have only seen them one time
Who lives in Warrenville, Illinois a suburb of Chicago
First Place: Shirley Zhang
Title: China/USA

China
exciting crowded
dancing studying drawing
friends flowers snow animals
playing studying English laughing
beautiful nice
U.S.A
Second Place (tie): Paola Muñoz-Gallardo
Title: Queretaro/Naperville

Queretaro
busy     lively
studying     drawing     dancing
La Pena de Bernal     los arcos     seasons     Sears Tower
calling friends     riding     speaking Spanish
famous     exciting
Naperville
Second Place (tie): Pedro Cruz

Title: Halloween/Día de los Muertos

Halloween

Black fun running getting candy scaring costumes fog parade scellatons dancing cellabrating the dead playing beautiful exciting

Día de los Muertos
First Place: Tiya Davi
Title: Flowers

Put seeds in the dirt.
Turning from seed to a sprout.
Blooming beautifully.
Colorful flowers
Are red, orange and pink too
Roses, sunflowers
First Place: Daniel Perez
Title: Feliz Navidad

F
Feeling happy
E
Early morning
L
Looking for my presents
I
Irresistible to wait
Z
Zigzagging around the room

N
New toys
A
All eat tamales and chorizo
V
Valuable time with family
I
I love Christmas!
D
Dad arranges lights on a tree
A
Aunts cook lots of food
Dinner is served!
Second Place: Jaclynn Patle

Title: Las Posadas

Lots of children get excited
Act out Joseph and Mary
Surprise ending

People come to celebrate it
Only a Mexican tradition
Sing songs
All will drink “atole”
Dancing together
Another Christmas party
Salsa is delicious
First Place: Lenny Dimas

Lenny
Beautiful, loving, wonderful, and young
Daughter of Isaias and Lorena
Love of Drawing, singing, and playing outside
Who feels happy all the time, nervous when I am talking in front of people
  and funny with my friends and my cousins also
Who dreams to be an Artist because in my house I draw and paint.
Who fears seeing blood, and touching blood and sometimes scary movies
Who would like to see China because I would like to speak their language
  and try their food
Who live in a small house in Carol stream U.S.A. and I live with my cousins.
Second Place: Dina Faroha

Dina
Gentle, sometime lazy, polite, and respectful
Daughter of Hiba and Amjad
Love of learning history, going to church, swinging
Who feel nervous from my bad dreams, angry when my sister doesn’t keep her word, and feel hurt when someone is rude to me
Who dreams to be an architect because I love art and designing things
Who fears dark, tornados, and thunder
Who would like to see France because I really want to see my cousin so badly!
Who live in the U.S.A. because it safe from danger
First Place: Sunny Kim
Title: Christmas/Choosuk

Christmas
happy   fun
playing   singing   eating
Santa   cookies   money   hanbok
给了   cooking   laughing
exciting   hungry
Choosuk
Playing in the snow
Throwing snow balls at Bryan
Cold, white, wet, water