**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.

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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 a 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.
L
Love living in Naperville
O
October is fun
R
Reading in English is difficult
E
English is my third language
N
Neshto means “something” in Serbian
A
America is a big country
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
Philippines
Beautiful, Awesome
Cooking, Dancing, Celebrating
Tagalog, Islands, English, cars
Learning, Playing, Helping
Pretty, Amazing
United States
The moon is shining
Silent night with the skies bright
The night is freedom
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…
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
Day of the dead
joyful  delightful
dancing  singing  speaking Spanish
tamales  pinata  candy  trick or treat
walking  running  speed walking
scary  spooky
Halloween
Coconuts dropping,
Never-ending summer 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.
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

I NTERResting History of the
N OBLe Deeds of Great People in a
D EMOCRatic Country with
I NCREdible Factors and
A STONISHING Religions

A Mazing Land of
M ARVELous People with
E LEGANT Beauty and
R EMARKABLE Presidents with an
I NTEGRITY of the
C ONspicuous Constitution and
A STOUNDING Economy
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
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
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
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
Blue and colorful
Dolphins playing happily
In the wide blue sea
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

K - Kind
H - Humble
U - Understanding
J - Jolly and fun-loving
A - Awesome
A - Adorable
H - Honored
M - Master in Math facts
A - Always hard-working
D - Desiring to be successful
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.
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
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

Writing!