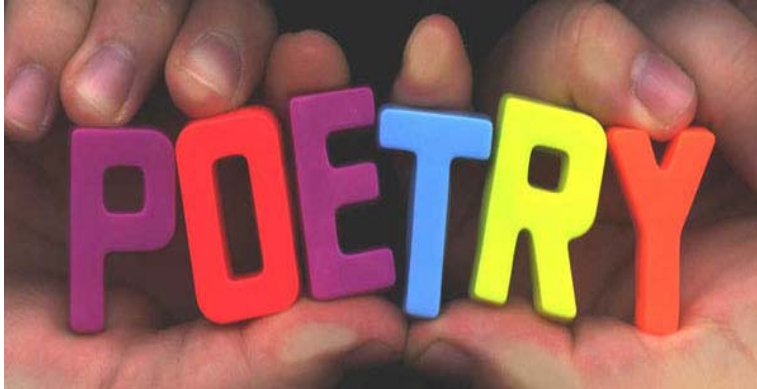


Literacy through Poetry

Workshop & Contest

... presented by the African American Leadership Summit

Students in 1st through 12th grade are invited to participate in the Literacy through Poetry Workshop and Contest on January 26th (8:30am to 3:30pm) at Estacado High School.



WORKSHOP

The poetry workshop will be conducted by **Javier Martinez**, a high school teacher and poetry coach at Highland Park High School located in Dallas (TX) and **Sue Roseberry**, a singer/songwriter, storyteller, and playwright from Midland (TX).

POETRY CONTEST

Students are strongly encouraged to utilize their creative energy and write their own poem, however poems written by other authors may also be recited. Winners will be selected in each of the four grade-level categories (1st-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, and 10th-12th). First place winners will receive \$200 in gifts and prizes, a book written and autographed by Nikki Giovanni, a Grammy-nominated American poet, activist and author, and an opportunity to have their picture taken with Nikki Giovanni. Second place winners will receive \$100 in gifts and prizes. Third place winners will receive \$50 in gifts and prizes. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony to be held at the conclusion of the poetry workshop and contest. Some finalists may be invited to attend the AALS banquet (Feb. 14th) where they will share their poems with Nikki Giovanni and the Lubbock community. Finalists will also be given the opportunity to recite their poetry at various Black History Month events scheduled throughout Lubbock and neighboring cities.

Entries Must Be Received by January 21, 2008

Please refer to the contest "Guidelines" for complete contest rules. Complete a contest entry form and submit it with your poetry to:

Wheatley Elementary School
c/o Margaret Randle, Principal
1802 E 28th St
Lubbock, TX 79404

For more information contact:
Margaret Randle
(806) 766-1877
mrandle@lubbockisd.org

Literacy through Poetry contest Entry Form

PLEASE USE A PEN AND PRINT CLEARLY.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Male: ___ Female: ___

Title of Submission: _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

School or Organization _____ Grade _____

Contest Rules

- Although we encourage students to utilize their creative energy and write their own poem, poems written by other authors may be recited and performed at the *Poetry Slam*
- Student must refrain from using offensive language (e.g., curse words, n-word, offensive terms for women and men), sexual innuendo, statements meant to insult or denigrate individuals or members of specific groups (e.g., religion, race, schools)
- Poems must be recited from memory
- Poems submitted for the *Poetry Slam* must be no more than 200 words
- Poems should be typed in 12-point, Times New Roman font, double-spaced and include the following: Title of the poem, name of the original author, and name of the student reciting the poem (see the format of the sample submission)
- Submit your entry form and poetry via mail to Wheatley Elementary School c/o Margaret Randle, Principal (see the reverse side for a complete mailing address and due date)

Sample Submission

Mother to Son

Written By - Langston Hughes

Recited By – Margaret Randle

Well, son, I tell you:

Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

It had tacks in it,

And splinters

And boards torn up,

And places with no carpet on the floor....

I have read the above rules and agree to follow them. I understand that failure to follow these rule may result in disqualification.

Date: _____

Student's Name _____

Student's Signature _____

I hereby grant permission for my child to be photographed during the poetry workshop and contest. I understand that if my child is selected as the winner of the contest that he or she will be invited to recite his or her poetry at various Black History Month events scheduled throughout Lubbock and neighboring cities. If my child is able and willing to participate in these activities, I must provide the transportation to and from the event.

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____