

Haiku Hullabaloo!

WHAT

April is National Poetry Month! Students are invited to celebrate by entering American Martyrs' **First Annual Haiku contest!** The theme is ***"Celebrating our Community."***

Winning entries will be selected throughout April, and everyone who enters is invited to participate in a special poetry *"Open Mic Night"* at Pages bookstore in downtown Manhattan Beach.

HOW

Write a haiku, which is an ancient Japanese poetic form written in a just a few words. It is 17 syllables long - divided into three lines of five, seven and five syllables.

Your haiku can be about anything having to do with our Manhattan Beach community - your school, your library, your friends, your church, your town. Be Creative; Have fun!

WHEN

The submission deadline is Friday, March 27th at 3pm. Entries will be evaluated by a special AMS Poetry Panel and winning haikus will be showcased by AMS.

"Open Mic night" will be at 6pm on Thursday, April 30th - which is also national *"poem in your pocket"* day. This is a real day designated for kids AND adults around the country which is celebrated by selecting a pocket-size poem, carrying it with them & sharing it with others throughout the day. You can hand out your own poem, or you can download ones selected from poets.org.

http://www.poets.org/sites/default/files/PoemInYrPocketDay_2015_FINAL.pdf

WHY

Inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996, National Poetry Month is now held every April, when schools, libraries, publishers & poets throughout the United States band together to celebrate the gift of shared poetry.

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“Celebrating our Community”
2015 Entry Form

Full Name:

Age & Class #:

A parent's email:

My Haiku:

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(7)

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Haiku companion drawing (optional):

*** No more than 3 entries per student please.**

*** Optional dollar donations at “Open Mic Night” to help buy poetry books for our sister school, St. Lawrence of Brindisi.**

*** Questions? email katherineurbon@aol.com**

Haiku Examples
from fellow poets in the Northwest...

Mountains meet the sea
Nature is all around me
Seattle, my home

Marley Meyer
Age: 8
Lincoln Elementary

Espresso in hand
wet umbrellas line the street
twelfth man cheers echo

Hayden Hunskor
Age: 12
Hamilton International Middle School

The Wonderful Wheel
All Colors Seem To Bounce Off
I Watch, Astounded

Ella Skoglund
Age: 10
John Hay Elementary

At Dick's Restaurant
Sipping chocolate milkshakes
Very very good

Zac Wise
Age: 8
McDonald International School

Raining hard tonight
Hot chocolate by the fire
Will it turn to snow?

Lucy Mougin
Age: 12
French American School of Puget Sound

Breezy, blustery
the kind of day seagulls love
Me, turning pages

A mom