



Powell River Live Poets' Guild

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International Peace Poem Project

PR LPG will host the contest and the awards ceremony as well as bringing the International Peace Poem scroll to Powell River. (See www.peacepoem.org for the 12-year history of this 70,000-line project.)

PR LPG will supply a kit to teachers (sample lesson plans, poems, envelope for submissions, etc.), collect the filled envelopes from each participating class March 14, 2008. Teachers do not need to do anything to the poems beyond ensuring each poem is legibly labelled with the student's name and age. Handwriting or typing is acceptable. Illustrations are appreciated but will not determine the winning poem.

The contest is open only to youth, to age 18, in or out of school. Deadline for submissions is March 14, just before Spring Break. Age categories are (1) K- Gr. 3 (or 9 and under), (2) Gr 4-6, (3) Gr 7-9, (4) Gr 10-12, and (5) Post-secondary to age 19. There is no fee. Students may enter up to three poems. Students not in a participating class can enter individually by emailing wolffkaimana@aol.com or calling 604.483.4940. Their entries will be added to the appropriate age category.

The best poem from each class will be chosen; then from each grade; then from each age category. Poems from students not in school will be placed in the appropriate age category and treated as a best-in-class entry. In each age category there will be a first, second, and third place. From those winners the overall winners, first, second, and third, will be selected.

Prize poems will be selected by Powell River Live Poets' Guild and invited judges between April 1-10. Hot prizes will be awarded to category prize winners and all winners receive a certificate.

The awards ceremony will be held April 11, the gala evening of the PR Writers' Festival. Although the contest is only for kids, the Peace Poem itself is open to everyone. At the Awards Ceremony, everyone can take part by adding two lines or more to the International Peace Poem.

Winning poems and public contributions will also be added to the Peace Poem's website, together, we plan, with video coverage of our event. This video coverage will also be available for Powell River websites.

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