



The Buckeye Education Foundation presents our 6th Annual...



Poetry, Pizza, and Prizes! Virtual Poetry Showcase: "Beauty All Around Us"



Calling all Buckeye Students! We want to lift up your voices during National Poetry Month!

All TK-8th Grade Buckeye Union School District students are invited to join in this free virtual showcase event!

- 🍕 Students write a short poem on the theme "Beauty All Around Us" (See more about the theme on the back of this flyer.)
- 🍕 Submissions accepted throughout the month of April, which is National Poetry Month!
- 🍕 All entries will be displayed in our virtual poetry gallery.
- 🍕 Every poet will receive a personalized certificate, and some fun small prizes just for entering!
- 🍕 PRIZES! Our guest judges will select one outstanding poet in each grade level who will win a "Poetry and Pizza Prize Pack" which includes a writer's kit and a gift card for a family pizza night!

View all the submission guidelines as well as prize and sponsor information at
www.BuckeyeFoundation.org/events

This district-wide poetry showcase event is being offered by the Buckeye Education Foundation, an all-volunteer, independent non-profit organization, to foster community spirit and encourage participation in creative arts.

More information about the
Buckeye Education Foundation Virtual Poetry Showcase

What is poetry?

There are many different types of poems, and all are welcome in our poetry showcase!

Some poems rhyme, and some do not. Some poems are very short (Haikus, for example, use just a few words!), and some are long. A poem can communicate a lot of information without using a lot of words, and a poet chooses each word with extreme care. The most important thing to know is that your poem is your own expression. What we would really love to read is a poem that tells how you feel about the thing you choose to write about, and gives us a moment to feel it with you.

Things to think about as you write:

- ✓ **THEME** – Your poem should address the theme "Beauty All Around Us" in some way. We invite you to write about a place, person, activity, experience, or thing, real or imagined, literal or metaphorical. You could write about the beauty you find in something small, or something grand, personal to you or more general – whatever moves you to share your feelings or thoughts through words. You don't even need to use the word "beauty" in your poem. *Show us the beauty through the other words you choose!*
- ✓ **IMAGERY** – Do you choose words that paint a picture for the reader?
- ✓ **RHYTHM** – Do the words work to control how the reader moves through your poem?
- ✓ **DENSITY** – How much information and feeling can you pack into just a few words?
- ✓ **EVOKES A FEELING** – Do you communicate a feeling with your words?

Official Rules

How to enter the Poetry, Pizza, and Prizes Showcase:

1. Write your poem. Poem can be as long as you want but it must fit legibly on a **single page**. You can hand write it or type it. Make sure to **title** your poem!
 2. Ask a **parent or guardian** to email your poem **as an attachment (.jpg image, Word Document or PDF only please; NO GOOGLE DOCS)** to: events@buckeyefoundation.org.
 3. Email MUST Include:
 - a. **poet's name**
 - b. **poem title**
 - c. **school**
 - d. **grade**
 - e. **teacher** (Language Arts teacher for middle school students)
- **Your parent/guardian's email serves as permission for us to show your poem online.****
4. Optional: You may illustrate your poem with drawings on the same page if you choose. You are welcome to send a video of yourself reading your poem out loud for us to feature in the poetry gallery along with your written poem.
 5. Entries must be received on or before **April 30, 2026**.

Questions? Contact us at events@buckeyefoundation.org. Happy writing!