



THE BIRCHWOOD SCHOOL PRESS RELEASE

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Birchwood School Bursting with Poets

Cleveland - Thirty-six student poets from Birchwood School located in Cleveland will be published by Creative Communications. **Layth A, Alia B, Sahej B, Avi B, Bianca H, Chester H, Cameron K, Abigail M, Channin M, Jane N, Elizabeth P, Emma P, Dalton R, Olivia S, Farah S, Annessa W, Peter A, Marla B, Christine B, Sarah D, Clive C, Sanjana R, Joan C, Susmita R, Dhweeja D, Abhijeet S, Sachi G, Bradley S, Jorgen K, Daniel W, Kavya R, Hannah Y, Cameron S, Sam Z, Katelyn V, and Naomi W** all submitted their poems to the 2011 Poetry Contest and were chosen as top picks.

A Celebration of Poets is an anthology published by a national publisher of children's writing called Creative Communications. With publication being regionally based, students are competing against their peers in both age and location. As less than 50% of all entries are accepted, it is quite an honor that over 50% of the Birchwood students who entered were selected for publication.

Joanna West, one of Birchwood's reading teachers said, "As an alumnus of Birchwood who was published in this anthology years ago, it is exciting to see so many of my own students chosen for publication during my first year as a reading teacher."

Birchwood School is repeatedly designated as an "Honor School" at both the junior (5th and 6th grade) and intermediate (7th-9th grade) levels due to the number of students published at both levels. This distinction is reserved for the top 10% of schools who have entered the contest. Birchwood was named as an honorary school for 2010-11 and will be presented with a hardbound copy of the anthology.

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The Birchwood School is a private, coeducational school in Cleveland, Ohio. Founded in 1984, Birchwood serves students in kindergarten through grade 8. Birchwood's mission is to provide an educational setting where challenging academics build solid work habits, an achievement culture nurtures healthy attitudes, and a caring environment forges social responsibility.

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