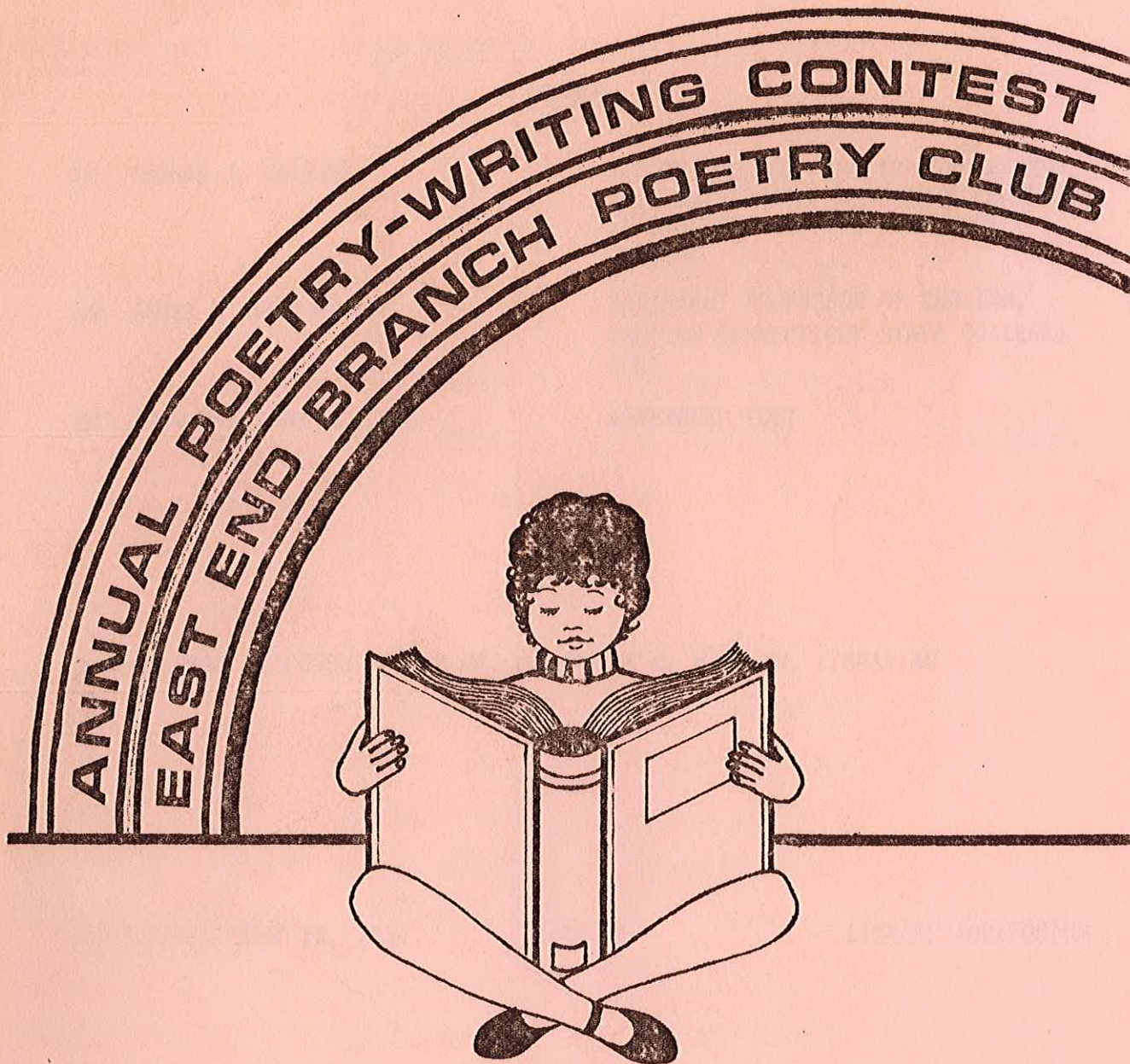


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AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED BY MR. PETER BLUM, PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF
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THE FILM "GOLDEN FISH" WILL BE SHOWN

WINNERS

KINDERGARTEN	ROBERT ERCOLI	ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
GRADE 1	BRETT BUCKLEY	STS. PETER & PAUL SCHOOL
GRADE 2	RONALD MARINGOLA	REGAN SCHOOL
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RUNNERS-UP

KINDERGARTEN	HEATHER WOLFF	ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
GRADE 1	TAMMY ADLER	KINGSBURY SCHOOL
GRADE 2	MARGARET ECHOLS	SLOCUM SCHOOL
GRADE 3	MONICA ALOISI	REGAN SCHOOL
GRADE 4	CARMAN SEGRETARIO	ST. MARGARET'S - McTERNAN SCHOOL
GRADE 5	GLEN MARTIN	STS. PETER & PAUL SCHOOL
GRADE 6	DENISE HINKELMAN	BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
GRADE 7	GERALDINE LONG	ST. ANN SCHOOL
GRADE 8	CHRISTINE WARD	WALLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL

AWARD WINNING POEMS

KINDERGARTEN - POEM ABOUT MY FAVORITE PERSON

MY FAVORITE PERSON

BOBBY LIKES DAWN

I LIKE DAWN 'CAUSE SHE GOT THE
SAME COLOR EYES AS ME.

SHE GOES ON THE SAME BUS AS ME.

SHE HAS LONG HAIR.

SHE GOES TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS ME.

SHE GETS MY PLACEMAT AND LUNCH BOX FOR ME.

SHE ALWAYS SITS NEXT TO ME WHEN WE MAKE A
CIRCLE IN SCHOOL.

1ST. PRIZE

ROBERT ERCOLI - ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

MY FAVORITE PERSON

MY FAVORITE PERSON IS MY DADDY.

I LOVE HIM VERY MUCH

HE IS KIND AND HELPFUL

AND DOES NICE THINGS WITH ME.

WE PLAY AND TAKE LONG WALKS IN THE WOODS.

I THINK OF A HEART WITH AN ARROW THROUGH IT.

RUNNER-UP

HEATHER WOLFF - ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

GRADE 1 - POEM ABOUT ANIMALS

MY DOG BEAUTY

EARLY ONE SPRING MORNING,
OUT OF OUR BEDS WE AROSE,
GOT OUR FISHING GEAR READY,
AND PUT ON OUR WARM CLOTHES.
ALONG CAME OUR DOG BEAUTY,
AFTER OUR CAN OF BAIT,
KNOCKED IT DOWN ALL OVER THE FLOOR
GOOD BYE TO OUR FISHING DATE!

1ST. PRIZE

BRETT BUCKLEY - STS. PETER & PAUL SCHOOL

I SEE LOTS OF SKUNKS IN THE WOODS
THEY'RE EATING PEANUT BUTTER
CRACKERS NEAR THE WATER.

RUNNER-UP

TAMMY ADLER - KINGSBURY SCHOOL

GRADE 2 - POEMS ABOUT WISHES

I WISH

I WISH I COULD BE A SPACEMAN GOING TO MARS.
SEARCHING FOR WEIRD LOOKING CARS.
I'D SEE A CAR THAT HAD WINGS AND A TAIL,
AND ONE WOULD HAVE A SHIP'S SAIL.
AND, ONE WOULD HAVE FUNNY LOOKING WHEELS
THEY'D LOOK JUST LIKE BANANA PEELS.

I'D CATCH ONE AND PUT IT INTO MY POCKET.

WHEN I GOT INTO MY SHIP, IT WOULD JUMP OUT
THE WINDOW OF MY ROCKET.

1ST. PRIZE

RONALD MARINGOLA - REGAN SCHOOL

MY WISH

I WISH I HAD A NICKEL, I
WISH I HAD A DIME, I WISH
I HAVE A HUSBAND WHO LOVE
ME ALL THE TIME. I MAKE HIM
SWEEP THE FLOOR, I MAKE HIM
WASH THE DISH, AFER HE
FINSH I KICK HIM OUT THE DOOR!

RUNNER-UP

MARGARET ECHOLS - SLOCUM SCHOOL

GRADE 3 - POEMS ABOUT COLORS

GREEN

GREEN IS GRASS AND THE LEAVES ON A TREE,
GREEN BRINGS THE BREEZE THAT FEEL COOL FOR ME.
GREEN IS LETTUCE, A JEWEL CALLED JADE,
GREEN IS NOT FEELING SUNNY BUT BEING IN THE SHADE.
GREEN IS A PICKLE YOU EAT WITH HAM,
GREEN IS A TICKLE IN THE PALM OF MY HAND.

1ST. PRIZE

DENISE DANIELS - WALSH SCHOOL

COLORS

PEEK-A-BOO

I LIKE YOU

BLACK AND BLUE

ARE DIFFERENT FROM YOU.

I LIKE BLACK

YOU LIKE BLUE.

WHATS THE DIFFERENCE

BETWEEN THE TWO.

I SEE BLUE

PEEK-A-BOO.

RUNNER-UP

MONICA ALOISI - REGAN SCHOOL

GRADE 4 - POEMS ABOUT MY FAMILY

MY FAMILY

MY FAMILY IS A MIGHTY TREE.

IT GREW FROM SEEDS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

MY FAMILY SWAYS.

MY FAMILY BENDS.

MY FAMILY GROWS.

AND MY FAMILY LENDS

REFUGE AND SUPPORT.

IT GROWS AND CREEKS.

IT WHISPERS AND SPEAKS.

LIKE FALLING IT SIGHS

WHEN I TRY TO BE ME.

1ST. PRIZE

TIGHE MORAN - KINGSBURY SCHOOL

MY FAMILY

BIG



SHORT

TALL

AND ONE IS SMALL

THAT'S MY FAMILY

RUNNER-UP

CARMAN SEGRETARIO - ST. MARGARET'S - McTERNAN SCHOOL

GRADE 5 - POEMS ABOUT IF I COULD BE A _____

IF I COULD BE A STAMP

IF I COULD BE A STAMP

THAT STICKS TO ENVELOPES SO

I'D LIKE MY CATALOG PRICE

TO GROW AND GROW AND GROW

AT LEAST I'D LIKE TO KNOW

THAT I AM SO RARE

MOST PEOPLE WOULD TREAT ME

WITH LOTS AND LOTS OF CARE

NOT TO GET ME WET

OR NOT TO RIP ME SO

THAT MY CATALOG PRICE WOULD BE

SO VERY, VERY LOW

1ST. PRIZE

DEBORAH MEHMET - ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

IF I COULD BE A STAR
IF I COULD BE A STAR
WITH A SILVER RING,
NEVER SEEING A CREATURE OR A HUMAN THING.
I WOULD SPIN ON MY AXEL,
ALL DAY AND THROUGH THE NIGHT
ALONE, EXCEPT FOR PLANETS AND STARS
THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY.
IN A GIANT SOLAR SYSTEM OF,
WONDERS AND FANTASITC THINGS.

RUNNER-UP

GLEN MARTIN - STS. PETER & PAUL SCHOOL

GRADE 6 - POEMS ABOUT SUMMER IS LIKE (USING A SIMILE)

SUMMER IS LIKE CLEAR SPRING WATER
REFRESHING AND BRIGHT
SUMMER IS LIKE LOVE.
WARM AND FULL OF DREAMS.

1ST. PRIZE

LYNNE RANANDO - BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

SUMMER IS LIKE A CLOCK ON A WALL
THAT TURNS AROUND
AND COMES BACK ONCE MORE
IT STARTS OUT WARM THEN TURNS TO HOT
LIKE A CUP OF COFFEE WARMING IN A POT
AS FALL GOES BY AND AS WINTER PASSES
SUMMER COMES AND BRINGS GREEN GRASSES.

RUNNER-UP

DENISE HINKELMAN - BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

GRADE 7 - POEMS ABOUT A FAVORITE HOLIDAY (USING SOME ALLITERATION)

MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY

WHAT IS MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY, YOU ASK...?

I THOUGHT AND THOUGHT; OH! WHAT A TERRIBLE TASK!

THE SUN SHINES ALL DAY LONG;

ON A DAY LIKE THIS, WHO COULD GO WRONG?

ALL THE BUDS BEGIN TO BLOOM;

BASEBALL SEASON OPENS SOON.

NOW THE BIRDS ARRIVE ONCE MORE -

I REMEMBER WINTER; OH! WHAT A BORE!

I SAY "SO LONG" TO MY SWEATER;

WARM WEATHER MAKES ME FEEL MUCH BETTER.

WHAT IS MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY, YOU ASKED -

MARCH 21.

TOO BAD IT'S ALREADY PASSED.

1ST. PRIZE

STACEY DRUBNER - ST. MARGARET'S - McTERNAN SCHOOL

THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING IS FUN TO EAT WITH TOM TURKEY,

TENDER AND TASTY AND STUFFED WITH STUFFING.

WHITE POTATO'S WARM AND WHIPPED, TURNUPS TOO, TANGY AND TASTY.

CRANBERRY SAUCE SITTING ON A SAUCER, SERVING BY A SPOON.

WHILE CHESTNUTS ROASTING ON A CRACKLING FIRE, BUT,

LAST BUT - NOT LEAST PUMPKIN PIE, TOP WITH PEACHES AND PECANS.

RUNNER-UP

GERALDINE LONG - ST. ANN SCHOOL

GRADE 8 - POEMS ABOUT SPORTS ARE ____ (USING A METAPHOR)

JIM ED PUTS ONE OUT

AS THE PITCH COMES TO THE PLATE,
BIG JIM ED SWINGS HIS MIGHTY BAT,
SO HE HITS THE BALL AS TALL AS THE SKY,
AND AS THE BALL GOES OVER THE FENCE,
IT'S AN AIRPLANE FLYING INTO THE SUNSET.

1ST. PRIZE

STEVEN DOVIDAITIS - WALLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL

WATCHING A THOROUGHBRED RACE

WATCHING THOROUGHBREDS RACE IS WATCHING BALLERINA
DANCERS, THEY PRANCE, DANCE, AND SOMETIMES REAR.
THE JOCKEYS ARE THE DIRECTORS, TELLING THE HORSES
WHAT THEY SHALL DO.
THE TRUMPETS RING IS MUSIC TELLING THE PEOPLE THE
RACE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.
THE WINNING HORSE GRACEFULLY PRANCES, THROWING HIS
HEAD UP, HAPPILY CHOMPING ON THE BIT WHILE THE PEOPLE
CHEER HIM.

RUNNER-UP

CHRISTINE WARD - WALLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL