Jessamy Stursberg Poetry Contest

The Jessamy Stursberg Poetry Prize for Canadian Youth was established to foster a lifelong relationship between Canadian youth and the literary arts, specifically poetry.

This **national** contest is open to submissions from young poets all across Canada, with three prizes awarded to students in grades 7 to 9: Winner: $400; Second Place: $350; Third Place: $300. All Irwin submissions will be entered into a random draw for one of three books.

The winning poems will also be featured on the League of Canadian Poets’ website.

The poem(s) submitted must be original work by the poet.

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October 25th to November 20th, 2017

This contest is open to submissions from Irwin students in grades 7 and 8.

To submit, follow the steps outlined below.

STEP ONE

* Prepare a Microsoft Word document of the poem. This document should use Times New Roman size 12 font, and contain no information other than the title of the poem, and the poem itself.
* If students are submitting more than one poem to be considered, prepare a separate document for each poem. You may submit a maximum of two poems.
* Poems must be under 50 lines long, and must be original work.

STEP TWO

Join the google classroom group for the poetry contest with the code **ma75ats** and fill out the entry information.

STEP THREE

**Attach** the Word document(s) containing the poem(s) to your entry form and **turn in**! Mr. Biem will take care of the rest of the entry process. Winners will be notified in March and announced in April.

Copyright remains with the poet. Winners will be asked for first rights to publish their work. Should an entry be published elsewhere during the course of the contest, we ask that the entrant notify the League immediately. Revisions on any poem will not be accepted after it has been entered. All decisions of the jury are final. Contest is open to Canadian citizens and landed immigrants. Members of the League’s National Council, staff or contest judges or their families are not eligible to enter the contest.