



2020 MCEF



Creative Writing &  
Poetry Contest Results

1st Place Winners

Primary: Zaid Hikal, Kipps Elementary

Entry: "The Color of Our Earth"



Elementary: Adeline Elder,  
Harding Ave

Entry: "Lio and the Earth"

Addie is an adventurous, fun-loving 4th grader who is happy to be a Purple Panther from Harding Avenue Elementary School. She loves gardening, performing science experiments, reading books of all kinds, and going on outdoor adventures with her family. When asked about her creative writing piece for this contest, she says, "Because I like gardening and fiction books, I thought it would be cool to mix those together into a story about how Earth Day was created."

Middle School: Ruby Warnick,  
Blacksburg Middle School

Entry: "Pansy"

Ruby is a seventh grader at Blacksburg Middle School. She loves to write, draw, play French horn in the school band, and act with the middle school drama club. Of her story, she says, "I thought it would be interesting to add in a dystopian theme and have it be so close to our current time. In 45 years we could totally be facing the same thing that Samara does in the story."



High School: River Jordan Ostrander,  
Blacksburg High School

Entry: "Earth Has The Word Ear In It"



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2nd Place Winners

Primary: Brooklyn Marie Smith,  
Christiansburg Elementary

Entry: "The Color of Our Earth"



Elementary: Sadie Zhang

Kipps Elementary

Entry: "Grass and Sky: An Earth Day Conversation"

Sadie is 9 years old. She lives in Blacksburg, Virginia with her twin sister, Sophie, and her parents. Sadie collects badges, pins, and Legos. Her favorite subjects include language arts, history, and geometry. Sadie has been playing soccer for the New River United since age 5. She would like to be a Lego engineer and a professional soccer player when she grows up.



Middle School: Theo Villanueva

Blacksburg Middle School

Entry: "Mother Earth, I Am Not Okay"

Theo is a 8th grader at Blacksburg Middle School, he likes to go outdoors and participate in many extracurriculars. He believes to live his life on the Costa Rican quote, "pura vida," which mean to live a pure and simple life. By living this way of life, he can continue to fulfill his goals.

High School: Trevor Smith

Blacksburg High School

Entry: "A Quiet Moment"

Trevor Smith is a junior at Blacksburg High School where he enjoys participating in theater. After graduation in 2021 he plans on attending college and pursue a degree in one of the humanities.





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3rd Place Winners



Primary: Emily Katz, Kipps Elementary

Entry: "50th Earth Day"

Emily, age 9, enjoys climbing, playing, drawing, and school. She is grateful for family, friends and elephants/animals. Emily cares for the earth and says "please conserve resources and recycle."



Elementary: Zora Heflin

Price's Fork Elementary

Entry: "When Earth Day Comes"

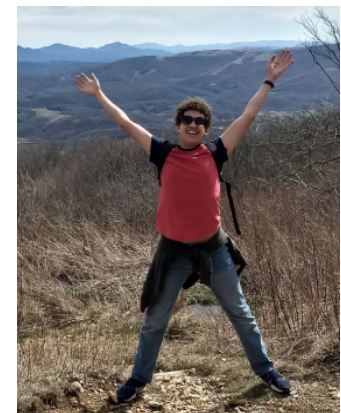
Zora is an 11 year old fifth grader at Prices Fork Elementary. In her free time, she especially enjoys writing, music, and singing. Although she is sad about the way her final year of elementary school is finishing because of the pandemic, she is looking forward to attending Blacksburg Middle School next year.

Middle School: Luke Buckwalter,

Auburn Middle School

Entry: "A Man of Despair"

Luke is wonderfully creative, funny, and a joy to be around. He loves drawing, writing stories, cooking, and finding treasures with his metal detector, which is in line with one of his favorite subjects - history. He enjoys reading and learning about the past, and collecting all sorts of relics such as old coins, buckles, and tools.



High School: Gavin Davis Paye,

Blacksburg High School

Entry: "Don't Worry"

I'm Gavin Paye, a sophomore at Blacksburg High School, who enjoys reading, writing, and running, although not at the same time. Over the past years, I've struggled to find my own unique style, one that I could use well and enjoy at the same time. I am very happy to receive recognition for my poetry, and I hope to continue to develop as a writer.



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Honorable Mentions



**Primary:**

Everett Mc Glothlin, Gilbert Linkous Elementary

Entry: "Bad Pollution"

Madeline Saia, Falling Branch Elementary

Entry: "The Earth Is Worth Saving"

**Elementary:**

Katherine (Katie) Blanchard, Price's Fork Elementary

Entry: "The Tradition"

Sophina Driggs, Price's Fork Elementary

Entry: "Earth Day"

**Middle School:**

Kyler Williams, Blacksburg Middle School

Entry: "Every Day is Earth Day"

Poetry R. Kirk, Blacksburg Middle School

Entry: "Wistful Dreams"

Poetry R. Kirk, Blacksburg Middle School

Entry: "Our New Lands"

Jenna Saia, Christiansburg Middle School

Entry: "Imagine"

**High School:**

Trevor Smith, Blacksburg High School

Entry: "Dandelion Candles"

Karen Villanueva, Blacksburg High School

Entry: "Remember"

Karen McClafferty, Blacksburg High School

Entry: "I Remember"