



2008 Theme: "Italy.. A Perfect 10!"
10th Annual School Poetry Competition

10th Grade STUDENT ENTRY FORM

Thank you for entering the poetry contest and for sharing your creativity! We hope you have enjoyed learning about Italy and writing your original poem! Please fill out this entry form (print in black ink neatly so we can easily read it) and staple it to your Italian-themed poem. Turn it into your teacher by his/her due date.

Check box if the answer is "Yes." (This box must be checked to enter contest.)

YES! I followed the contest rules. My poem ties in the theme "Italy...a Perfect 10!" and does NOT mention "Buono's" and it fits within the required length.

Your Name (please print clearly) _____
First Last

School Name _____ City _____ Teacher _____

Grade 10th Your Age _____

Title of Your Poem (Be creative!) ☺ _____

A Note to Students:

In honor of this being our 10th anniversary year for the contest, we are encouraging 10th graders to participate in this year's school poetry contest. Past poems have made us laugh, taught us valuable lessons, reminded us of great Italian heroes, and made us hungry! This year, our theme is "Italy...a Perfect 10!" We look forward to reading original poems, written by innovative students throughout Long Beach and San Pedro. (NOTE: 3rd through 5th graders will compete in a separate category.) Here's what your poem needs to be about: "Why" YOU would give Italy a perfect 10 score in one or more of the following areas: Current Events/News, Arts, Culture and Traditions, and History.

Just like judges in the Olympics or for American Idol give performers a perfect 10...now we are asking YOU to judge Italy...and to share in your own creative style why Italy deserves a perfect 10! What's currently in the news in Italy that is deserving of a perfect 10? Or do you think a particular Italian tradition, a favorite part of their culture, or an aspect of their rich history deserves a perfect 10? Create a poem about it! A lot of great foods originated in Italy also, yet there's a lot more to Italy so we encourage you to write about other things, too!

RULES:

- You must write about the theme: Italy...a Perfect 10!" - focused on one or more of the areas noted above.
- You must write your own poem. Teachers, parents, and the Internet can all be good resources...but YOU need to create the wording.
- Your poem must be no shorter than 4 lines and no longer than 16 lines.
- Your poem must not include "Buono's" in it or it will be disqualified.
- Poems received by your school's deadline will qualify for judging. (Ask your teacher for specific deadline.)
- You must be in 10th grade in Long Beach or San Pedro to enter.

We encourage you to learn as much as you can about Italy and poetry in the process and to give us a huge slice of your creativity! We are not looking for an advertising jingle for our restaurant. We are glad so many families enjoy Buono's, yet we want to read the best poem you can write about Italy without writing about Buono's.

Prizes:

- For each school, there will be five winners. All five will receive a \$50 gift certificate for a family dinner at Buono's.
- The top three poems for each school and some artwork from students will be printed in the Poetry Booklet.
- The top winner's classroom at your school will be treated to a great Buono's pizza party.
- The 1st place winner from each high school and his/her family will be invited to an Anniversary party at Buono's.
- In addition one 10th grader from all the participating high schools will earn a trophy for winning the Poet's Choice Award (selected by professional poets). Artwork with poems is encouraged and may be used in the poetry booklet.

Thank you for entering Buono's 10th Annual School Poetry Competition! www.BuonosPizza.com