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Lakewood Pan American Association

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Poetry and Poster Contest for 2025

An open invitation to K-6 students to submit poetry and/or posters for our annual contest

Dear Educators, Lakewood Families and K-6 Students,

Pan Am is a civic group that provides cultural and educational opportunities in the greater Lakewood community. The annual Pan Am Poetry and Poster Contest is a way to inspire students in grades K-6 to explore ways of expressing thoughts about themselves and our community through their artwork. We believe this poetry and poster contest offers quality enrichment and fun for students of Lakewood-serviced schools. Prepare to be impressed by the deep thought and artistic skills displayed by the participants. For 2025 our theme is "Why are you so special to you?" Ask your students to please have fun with this assignment.

Following the item submittal phase, which ends on **March 7th, 2025**, the Contest committee will assess all entries and recommend the items to be displayed in our history room at the Pan Am Fiesta, on our Pan Am website, and possibly other local publications.

Our group is composed of dedicated volunteers looking to support our community. The poems and posters for this contest may consider any cultures or locations as a subject to use, in conjunction with our theme, to enlighten us through the student's art.

Sincerely,
Dan Wamba
President, Lakewood Pan American Association

Contact us with any questions
at our email address:
PanAm90713@gmail.com

Please include this signed parental release form with the student's artwork

On this form, please use student's first and Last Name, and on the poem or poster, please use only first name with last initial only per the example on the next line.
For safety, we suggest limited name on the artwork such as: Jon Y. – 3rd Grade

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| I, Parent/Guardian of: | Grade: | School: |
| (Print & sign form) | (Print student's first & last name) | Teacher: |
| grant my permission for the Lakewood Pan American Association to release an image of the artwork and the limited name information* of the student to the Lakewood Pan American or Lakewood City websites, the Pan Am history room, possible Lakewood Celebrates events, or local publications such as newspapers or magazines. | | |
| Parent/Guardian's Name: | | |
| (Please print parent/guardian's first and last name) | | |

We request an email or phone # in order for us to contact you for possible attendance to an award event

(required) Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

By the due date of **3/7/2025**, please deliver artwork and the signed parental release to:

Angelo M. Iacoboni Library, 4990 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA. 90712



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Pan Am Poetry and Poster Contest for Lakewood K-6 Students

Instructions for poems & posters

The Pan Am Poetry and Poster Contest is a way for students in grades K-6 to explore ways of expressing thoughts about themselves and our community.

Poems are limited to a maximum length of 21 lines.

Suggested poster size is 12" X 18" and poem may be on 8.5" x 11" paper

Tips for posters: Start with sturdy paper and use markers, colored pencils or pens.

Please submit your artwork and release forms prior to our due date of **3/7/2025**

Poetry and posters are to reflect the given theme

Our theme for 2025 is: "Why are you so special to you?"

Deliver the artwork and signed release form to Iacoboni Library.

Due date is 3/7/2025 

2025 - Jon Y. - 3rd Grade - school / teacher
example



Date, first name, last initial and grade on front of artwork

Show on poem or poster

Blank release forms may be found on our website, <https://LakewoodPanAm.org/>

Please include the signed parental release form when submitting artwork

Suggested steps to create and submit the student's artwork:

1. Note the theme and create the poem, 21 lines maximum, or create a poster.
2. Families to fill out and sign the release form.
3. By 3/7/25 please submit both the signed release form and student's artwork to:

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Look for some artwork to be displayed in our history room at the Pan Am Fiesta, May 9 & 10, 2025

The Pan Am organization thanks you for your participation!
Sometime in late May look for some artwork graphics on our website.