

MOVING WORDS

2011 Student Poetry Competition

CALL FOR POEMS

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2011

Students enrolled in Arlington Public Schools are invited to submit poems to MOVING WORDS, a program that places poetry on Metro buses in Northern Virginia. From September through April each year, Metro buses in Northern Virginia feature MOVING WORDS posters with poems written by students from Arlington Public Schools. The poems are also presented on the Arlington County commuter page website, www.commuterpage.com/moving.htm.

ELIGIBILITY

Arlington students in grades kindergarten through twelve are eligible to submit poems.

GUIDELINES*

1. Students must be enrolled in Arlington Public Schools and may be in any grade.
2. Each student may submit up to 3 poems.
3. Poems must be written by 1 student and may be on any subject.
4. Poems must be 10 lines or less, including stanza breaks (but not including the title).
5. All poems must be typed and on 8.5"x11" paper.
6. The following information MUST be included on the upper right hand corner of each page:
 - Student's full name
 - Grade
 - Family's home mailing address, phone number(s) and e-mail address, where the student's family can be reached during the summer.
 - School and Teacher's name

* Entries that do not follow the guidelines will not be considered for the competition

DEADLINE

All entries must be received on or before **Friday, May 27, 2011**.

Submit poems to:

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Twelve poems will be chosen for display on Metro buses. Poems are selected by a panel of literary professionals, whose criteria is above all literary merit, but also includes a desire to brighten the day for the area's commuters. MOVING WORDS is a program of Arlington Public School's Humanities Project and the Arlington Cultural Affairs Division, and is sponsored by Arlington County Department of Environmental Commuter Services (ACCA) and METRO.

**For more information please contact Allison Gilbert
at 703-228-6299 or agilbert@arlington.k12.va.us**