

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

24th Annual Poetry & Prose March 10-11 and April 8-9

9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sessions · TCOE Education Center · 2637 W. Burrel Ave., Visalia

Visalia – The Annual **Poetry & Prose On Stage** program is scheduled for March 10-11 and April 8-9 2008, in the Tulare County Office of Education building, located at 2637 West Burrel in Visalia. This countywide oral interpretation event for students in grades K-8 provides an opportunity for participants to recite before an appreciative audience.

This year, 72 Tulare County schools are sending nearly 870 students to the four-day event. Students, who prepare poems or dramatic readings, perform in groups of 10 or less, or individually. A judge, who provides positive and instructional critiques, evaluates each student's performance.

“Poetry & Prose is an excellent event for students regardless of their experience reciting before an audience,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “Participants get lots of praise and encouragement.” Student performances are held throughout the building each day at 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. All students receive a Recognition of Achievement certificate for participating.

For information on Poetry & Prose, contact Robert Herman, Public Information Officer, at (559) 733-6606.

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