

Tulare County Office of Education

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Media Alert

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

30th Annual Poetry & Prose March 18, 19, 20, 24, 25 & 26

TCOE Education Center · 2637 W. Burrel Ave., Visalia

Visalia – The Annual **Poetry & Prose On Stage** program is scheduled for **March 18, 19, 20, 24, 25 & 26** 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. The public is welcome to attend this free event.

This year, 95 Tulare County schools are sending nearly 1,400 students to the six-day event. Students, who prepare poems or dramatic readings, perform either individually or in small groups. 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.” **Sessions will be held each day at 9:00 am, 10:15 am, and 11:30 am**, with the exception of March 18 (which will begin at 10:15 am), and March 20 (which will not include an 11:30 am session). Each student receives a personalized Achievement Award Certificate.

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