

WILDER ELEMENTARY POETRY CAFE 2010 – 2011

Everyone is invited!!

The Wilder Poetry Café is a fun, casual environment where kids can recite a piece of poetry that they wrote themselves, or one written by a classmate or a published poet. This is a fun way to practice oral presentation skills, build self confidence, and gain exposure to different types of poetry. The club is open to all Wilder students. Everyone is welcome!

Each Poetry Café meeting has a theme. If it helps you to narrow down your choices, bring a poem that fits in with the theme for the month. Or, if you have a favorite poem you'd like to read that doesn't fit with the theme, bring that instead!

At the end of each meeting, we'll introduce a Try It Yourself activity to be done at home. The activities will give students a chance to play with various poetic elements and try out different forms of poetry. These "assignments" are optional. We hope that they encourage students to write their own poems. If students complete the Try It Yourself, they can bring it to the next meeting to share with the group.

Poetry Café meets about once a month from 3:30 until 4:30 in the school library. Monthly attendance is not required to be a poetry club member. Come every month or just come when you can. We encourage parents to join us for their own enjoyment.

The Poetry Cafe is sponsored by the Wilder PTSA. A snack and water will be served at each meeting.

Questions? Amy Hamilton (amy@mousetrap.com) or Brenda Reed (brenda@prestonbusiness.com)

Website: <http://www.lwsd.org/school/wilder/PTSA/Enrichment-Activities/Pages/Cafe-Wilder-Poetry.aspx>

***** **NEW for 2010 – 2011** *****

Please return the bottom portion of this permission slip if your child would like to participate in ANY of the Poetry Café meetings during the school year. The slip is needed only once and will be kept in our files.

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Name _____ **Grade** _____

Has my permission to participate in the **Wilder Poetry Cafe** (2010 – 2011). I will sign my child out at the end of each meeting.

Parent _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell# _____

Email _____ *email will be used to send out occasional Club news.*