

**2009 Buono's Poetry Contest  
SCHOOL WINNERS**

**Birney Elementary School**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Nia Crisostomo – It's a Carnevale  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Matthew Henry – Happy Italy  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Joel Vega – If I Was In Italy  
(no 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Burnett Elementary**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Nayely Sabas - New Look  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Selena Rico - Who Would I Be?  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Esmeralda Herrejon - Who would I Be?  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Sarah Avila - Italy's Tour  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Samantha Ferrel - Italian Costume Party

**Cabrillo Avenue Elementary**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Alicia Sanders – The Day I Was Michelangelo  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Kevinn Ayala – Galileo The Best  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Isaac Fernandes – Galileo The Inventor  
(no 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>)

**15<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Gildardo Alaniz - Leonardo da Vinci  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Wilberth Mayorga – Mona Lisa  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Luis Pena - Galileo  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Ana Marie Mendoza - Leonardo  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Alberto Mendoza - Italy's Carnival

**Garfield Elementary School**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Melissa Castro – Me as a Soccer Player  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Evelyn Ortiz – Can I be a Cook?  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Louie De Lacey – Can I be Leonardo Da Vinci?  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Nevaeh Mc Farland – How I Make Pizza  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Julissa Valderrama – Da Vinci for a Day

**Holy Innocents Catholic School**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Casey Nyguen – Italy is a Carnivale! **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Overall Poet's Choice Award**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Lucia Cortez – The Saint from Italy  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Matias Posada – Gianluigi Buffon  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Astrid Quirarte – Leonardo da Vinci  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Sofia Francisco – Leonardo da Vinci

**Jackie Robinson Academy**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Richard Obregon – Oh Italy  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Danielle Green - Santino at Carnevale  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Akhila Hinton – Leonardo Da Vinci  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Shuusei Yashida – Mystery Man  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Erick Cervantes – The Songs of Carnevale

### John Muir Academy

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Matthew Obrique – Leonardo Da Vinci  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Victor Tellez – There is a Carnevale in Italy  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Brian Kumar – A spectacular person who I'd be in Famous Italian History  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Nathan Obrique – The Marvelous Marco Polo at the Carnevale  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Amira Victoria Nunez – Singing with Pavarotti at the Carnevale

### Longfellow Elementary

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Thomas Fleming – Gondola Shmodola (And the Carnevale)  
(No other winners)

### Los Cerritos Elementary

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Geneva Estavilla – I am Mona Lisa  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Mariana Alvarez – Italy...It's a Carnival  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Maisie Vilchis – Italy...It's a Carnevale  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Abigail Turnbow – Italy...It's a Carnival  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Madison Gifford – Italy...It's a Carnevale!

### Leland Street Elementary School

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Alexis Mitchell – Leonardo da Vinci  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Ariel Gonzalez – Armani  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Yazmin Ramos – Carnevale  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Rocio Garcia – Italy's Magnificent Carnevale  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Carlos Peterson – Place of History

### Mary Star of the Sea Elementary School

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Lukas Brkic – Carnevale  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Michael Sharma – Country Fun  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Annabel Madrigal – Sweet Carnival  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Noah Seidman – Carnevale, the Final Party  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Tyler Garcia – There is a Carnival in Italy

### Mary Star of the Sea High School

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Heaven Ocampo – The Symphony of Colors **1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall Poet's Choice Award**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Mia Taylor – Voglio Vivere Così (I want to live like this)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Carmen Mora – They Want to Celebrate Too  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Justina Fees – Fabio Cannavaro  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Tomas Garcia – Where Could I Be

### Seventh Street School

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Lily Katnic – Today is Carnevale **1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall Poet's Choice Award**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Christian T. Treadway – Italy – It's a Carnevale  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Hannah Peril – At the Carnevale as Joseph Berbera  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Hannah Smith – Carnevale  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Emiliano Correa – Da Vinci for a Day

### South Shores Magnet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Ian Showler – Carnivale, Carnivale! **1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall Kid's Choice Award**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Bronwyn Bunnell – At the Carnevale as Carlo Petrini  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place –** Lauryn Redeaux – Venice, Italy  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place –** Eileen Potter – Italy It's a Carnevale  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place –** John Perparas - Carnavale

**St. Lucy School, Long Beach**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Desiree Garcia – Michelangelo Flea
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Kaleike Lentz – Galileo Solar System
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Luis Camarena – Galileo Galilee
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Maurene Paran – Artistic Way of Italy
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Elissa Cea – When I Grow Up

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Overall Kid's Choice Award**

**White Point Elementary**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Chyna Druskovich – Carnevale Sings to All
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Makayla Michaelis – All in One Place
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Christian Custard – Who Am I?
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Micah Boarts – Galileo's Life in Space While on Earth
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Alyssa Baric – Getting Ready for the Carnevale