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*When we close our eyes
Mind floods with student haiku
The contest is back*

BCPS 2022 Haiku Contest begins accepting entries on Monday, Feb. 28

TOWSON – It's that time of year when the thoughts of Baltimore County Public Schools' students are expressed in the 5-7-5 syllable structure of haiku.

Entries for the annual [BCPS Haiku Poetry Contest](#) will be accepted from Monday, Feb. 28, through 4:45 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 18.

This year, BCPS students of all ages are asked to write haiku on the theme of "dream."

A haiku is a Japanese poem that consists of three lines. The first line has five syllables, the second line has seven syllables, and the third line has five syllables. BCPS uses the [How Many Syllables](#) website to check syllable counts. Each student may enter only one haiku, and it must be an original poem. Students are encouraged to be creative in their use of imagery and vocabulary.

"We cannot wait to see what students will write this year," said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. "I am always interested to see what students are thinking and how they will express their ideas and feelings. The contest is a welcome opportunity to celebrate student writing and student voice "

All haiku must be submitted using the [2022 Haiku Contest Form](#). A winning haiku will be chosen at the

elementary, middle, and high school levels. Winners will be announced in late-April and will receive prizes.

As in prior years, the winning poems and additional selected haiku will be compiled into an online book with student artwork. Each school library will receive a print copy.

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