



ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT
"Our Community, Our Children, Our Commitment, Our Future"

RESOLUTION 2026-27-11

**RECOGNIZING MARCH 21, 2027
AS WORLD POETRY DAY**

WHEREAS, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations and in 1999 proclaimed March 21 as World Poetry Day;

WHEREAS, Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO proclaimed that "As a deep expression of the human mind and as a universal art, poetry is a tool for dialogue and rapprochement. The dissemination of poetry helps to promote dialogue among cultures and understanding between peoples because it gives access to the authentic expression of a language";

WHEREAS, poetry reaffirms our common humanity by revealing to us that individuals, everywhere in the world, share the same questions and feelings;

WHEREAS, poetry is the mainstay of oral tradition and, over centuries, has communicated the innermost values of diverse cultures;

WHEREAS, one of the main objectives of Poetry Day is to support linguistic diversity through poetic expression, which offers endangered languages the opportunity to be heard within their communities and recognizes the unique ability of poetry to capture the creative spirit of the human mind;

WHEREAS, the observance of World Poetry Day is also meant to encourage a return to the oral tradition of poetry recitals, to promote the teaching of poetry, to restore a dialogue between poetry and the other arts such as theatre, dance, music and visual arts, and to create an attractive image of poetry in the media, so that the art of poetry will no longer be considered an outdated form of art, but one which enables society as a whole to regain and assert its identity;

WHEREAS, each country and all communities are invited to celebrate Poetry Day on March 21, 2027, in its own way, with the active participation of National Commissions, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and public, private and educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario-Montclair School District has furthered the introduction and celebration of poetry as an important feature of arts education in our schools by supporting its annual Poetry Day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Ontario-Montclair School District adopts Resolution 2026-27-11, Recognizing March 21, 2027 as World Poetry Day and encourages all educational communities to celebrate the mainstay of oral tradition with meaningful student activities and programs.

Adopted by the Ontario-Montclair School District Board of Trustees on this 2nd day of July, 2026.

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