



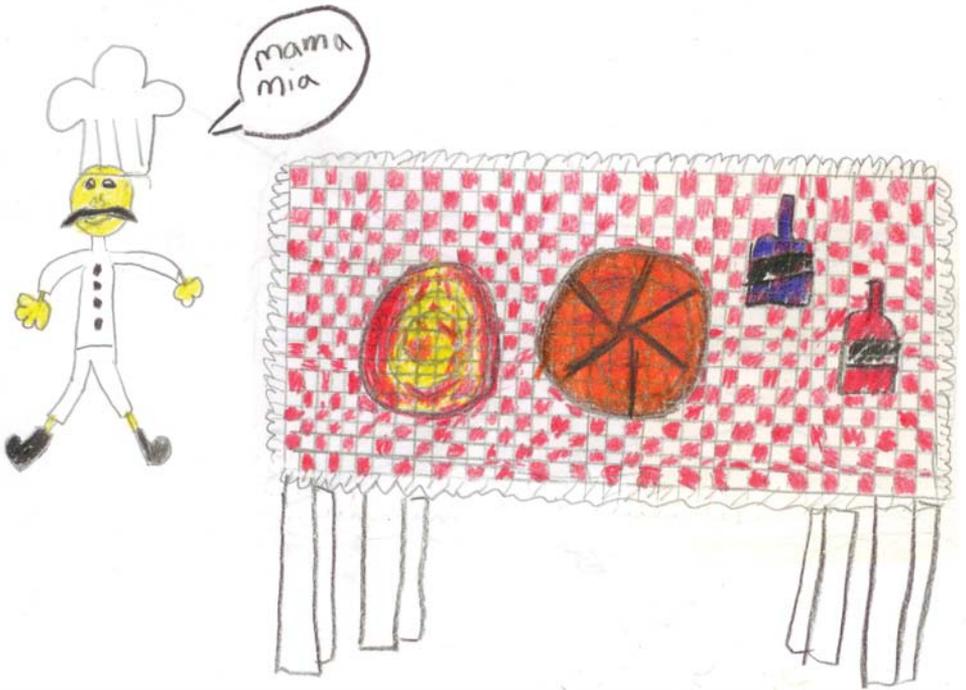
Italy... a Treasure Forever!

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Dear Schools, Students, and Community:



The title of Sean Corbaley's poem "Didn't Know Diddly about Italy" really captures the essence of our 12th Annual Buono's School Poetry Contest! We are happy that so many students, from 15 different elementary schools and high schools, have taken the time to uncover the special treasures that Italy has to offer – from its people, rich history and culture, to its celebrations, unique landscape, and wonderful foods. We applaud all the youth who participated and thank you (Grazie!) for your creativity. Because of your wonderful poetry, people here in San Pedro and Long Beach will learn how Italy is a treasure forever!

We are especially grateful to the dedicated parents, school administrators, and teachers that have inspired their children/students to participate in this competition. We are also thankful for the volunteer judges who made time amidst their busy schedules. Our first round of judges included: Autum Brown, Nikki Joslyn, Oti Gomez, Tim Ricks, and Elliot Semmelman. Our Poet's Choice judges were Dr. Gerald Locklin, a well respected published poet, author, and retired CSULB professor, and also the wonderful writer Rob Wahrhaftig. The "Kid's Choice Awards" was judged by a former poetry contest winner who is now in sixth grade, Patrick C. He sure has an eye and ear for great poetry...he picked some of the same winners as the Poet's Choice Award judges did! Our judges really enjoyed reading all the poems and learned a lot about Italy in the process. May our readers do the same!

To those reading this delightful treasure of poetry, and to all participants, Grazie for honoring our restaurant and the Italian heritage. We look forward to carrying on this tradition for many years to come and are honored to be delivering this slice of Italian culture to so many students, schools, and the community!

Enjoy,

Frank Buono

and the entire Buono's Family and Pizzeria Team Members

"Great thanks should be accorded Buono's restaurants, the annual sponsor of this contest. I know this is a true labor of love for Frank Buono and all concerned. They rightly recognize the high place that education should hold in our values, our priorities. And they demonstrate that all of us should study and take pride in both the lands of our ancestors and the great nation we now call home."

*- Gerry Locklin, CSULB Professor of English, Published Poet,
Buono's Poet's Choice Judge*

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Burnett Elementary School

A special thank you to Matthew Monaghan for coordinating your school's participation.

1st PLACE

Venice, a Treasure Forever

**- Frank Tuala, 5th Grade
Mr. Monaghan's Class**

As the moon shined upon my face
I smile at the city's grace.
The twinkle in her eye
Reflects on the canals from the sky.
My mom drank red wine
When she went out to dine.
The night is still young
The fun has just begun.
You can visit the pope
Who will fill you with hope.
I found a beautiful fountain
You could take a side trip to the Alps,
mountains.
As we pass by the doves
We are in a city of love.
Venice is a treasure forever.

2nd PLACE

Italy, a Treasure Forever

**- Aimee Duarte, 5th Grade
Mr. Monaghan's Class**

Italy is my treasure forever
People around there are so clever
I like the pizza and other food
Because it's so tasty and so good
Italy is very, very pretty
It has a lot of famous cities
I love Italy because it's wonderful
The works of arts are beautiful
When I go back there it will be a
pleasure
Because to me, Italy is a treasure.

3rd PLACE

Italy is My Treasure

**- Ivan Velazquez, 5th Grade
Mr. Monaghan's Class**

Oh Italy, you are so cool.
I think that other countries drool.
Oh Italy, I love your food.
I just don't want to be rude.
Oh Italy, I ate so much pizza.
That I had to lean over like the tower
of Pisa.
Oh Italy, I wish I went to Rome.
To explore and get it done alone.
Oh Italy, I wish I could be there.
I haven't finished seeing the
treasures you have everywhere.

Did You Know?

Italy covers 116,346 square miles! (Slightly larger than the state of Arizona) and it's estimated that nearly 60 million people live in Italy, and one in five Italians are 65 years old!

Cabrillo Avenue Elementary

A special thank you to Margarida Young for coordinating your school's participation.



1st PLACE

Italy Traveling...

What you Will Find

- **Jasmina Sanchez, 4th Grade**
Mrs. Fiamengo's Class

The country of Italy is such a treasure that many people make it their leisure With places to go and people to meet and you will find a great pizza on every street.

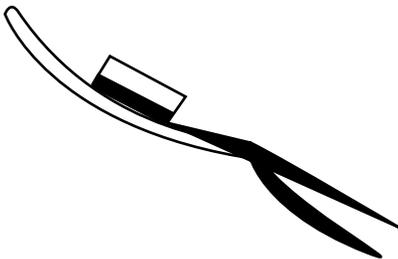
Italy has beaches on the Adriatic Sea where many tourists come to sunbathe and sightsee.

Come to Italy where you will find wonderful places where people are kind.

When you see Italy on the world it may look like a high heel boot that makes it look cute.

Other things you will see – the painting of the Mona Lisa who did not smile not in a while.

Come with me to Italy and see how it is with me please.



2nd PLACE

The Best of Italy

- **Johnny Quintana, 3rd Grade**
Miss Sierra's Class

Italy is famous for pastas, pizza and wine, in every Italian household when they dine.

Grapevines decorate the rolling hills and country sides,

makes bus touring a favorite ride.

Pasta cooked until it is all dense, firm to the teeth,

Sautéing pasta sauce makes the flavor, oh so sweet.

After dinner a cannoli is best, now take time to rest.

So you can travel around Italy

Rome, Florence, Tuscany or Sicily.

This trip of a lifetime won't last, take it slow and have a blast.

Leave with memories of a treasured land

all in the palm of your hand

Each city is such a treasure

and it's all for your pleasure.

Did You Know?

Italy has been the largest worldwide exporter and producer of kiwis, grapes, and artichokes.

Cabrillo Avenue Elementary

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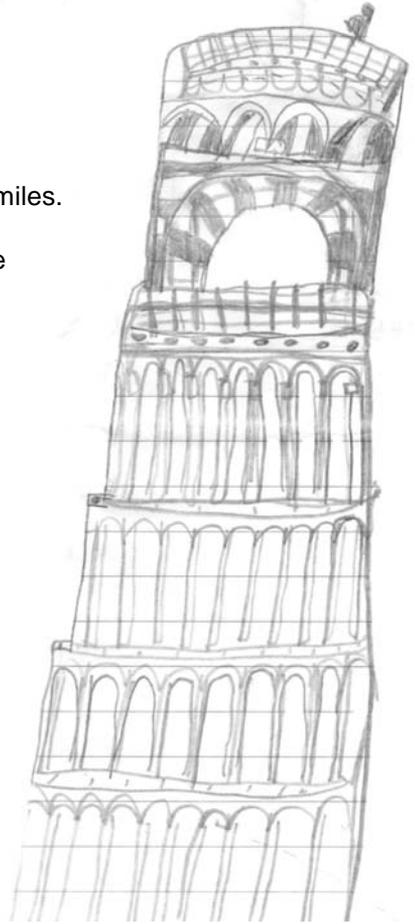
3rd PLACE

Didn't Know Diddly About Italy

- Sean Corbaley, 4th Grade

Mrs. Fiamengo's Class

I didn't know diddly about Italy,
then one day as I was perched
I decided to research
and found there were many treasures there.
Inventors like Leonardo Da Vinci
who drew women with mysterious smiles for miles.
Or explorers named Christopher Columbus
who proved the world was round like pizza pie
instead of square like Sponge Bob.
And great leaders like Nero who fiddled
when the Roman Empire was on fire!!!
I will forever remember the power of the
Leaning Tower of Pisa
because it's my favorite treasure of Italy.



Did You Know?

Kids in Italy go to school six days a week...from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

*Artwork by
Sean Corbaley*

Fremont Elementary School

A special thank you to Elizabeth Dilts for coordinating your school's participation.

1st PLACE

Italy's Great Gondolas and Precious Paintings

**- Sam Polite, 4th Grade
Mrs. Durazzo's Class**

As you go down the stream
you might relax and dream,
about all the things you'll see,
in beautiful Italy.

It really is a pretty sight,
when you are in a gondola at night!
It also is a dazzling show,
when all the lights are all aglow!

In Venice I can maybe see,
taking my wife there with me.
After you're done with the
gondola ride,
you could stroll to the museum and
look inside.

You might see the beautiful
Pavement Café,
but my favorite painter is
Claude Monet.
But alas, I'm only nine,
so that romance is, in future time.

2nd PLACE

A Dream of Italy

**- Jack Littleworth, 4th Grade
Mrs. Durazzo's Class**

To go to Italy
Oh, but a dream.
To see the Spanish steps
To eat Naples Neapolitan ice cream.

I'd like to toss Trevi fountain a coin
To make a wish or two.
To pretend I am a gladiator,
In the Coliseum, and sword fight
with you.

I'd like to be the gondolier
For all my friends and me,
Through Venice's watery canals
While we lunch on yummy
Genoa salami.

One day, my dream to visit
It surely must come true.
But until then, I dream,
And dream, and dream the whole
day through.

3rd PLACE

Italy's Illustrious Inventions

**- Tess Anderson, 4th Grade
Mrs. Durazzo's Class**

Ah, Italy...land of inventions,
The source of things that make
my life better.
From the virtuous violin and
proud piano
whose music I love to hear,
To the eye glasses that let me see
the magic of the world.

From the typewriter
that puts my words on paper,
To the thermometer
that reads the temperature of our
land every day.
From the cologne
that makes grown-ups smell good,
To the ice cream, cold and sweet,
my most favorite treat!
Ah, Italy... your inventions
I'll treasure forever!

Garfield Elementary

A special thank you to Donna McKeehan for coordinating your school's participation.



1st PLACE

Treasureful Italy

**- Hannah Samaniego, 3rd Grade
Mr. Martinez's Class**

Italy, Italy

Tossing coins in the Trevi Fountain

Hiking the great Dolemite Mountains

Swish, swoosh, sledding up high

Slurp the slurpy spaghetti

Tasting the cream, sweet, tasty gelato

Picnic on the Spanish Steps

Gazing at the Leaning Tower of Pisa

Searching for the Mona Lisa

Visiting the Colosseum

Riding a gondola in Venice

Seeking in Florence for the statue of David

Looking at the treasure

What great pleasure

Italy, a great place for me!

"I appreciated being a judge; it was a new and fun experience for me. Thank you!"

- Patrick C., *Kid's Choice Judge*
(former Buono's contest winner!)

Did You Know?

The average Italian consumes over half a pound of bread a day!

Garfield Elementary

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2nd PLACE

Italy, A Treasure Forever!

- Elizabeth Ruiz, 5th Grade
Mrs. Richardson's Class

Italy owns its very natural beauty,
incredible and treasures with
importance of its own unity.
Italy has very wonderful sights;
a lot of the places are full of
bright lights!
Some places are full of red roses,
and I got a red rose from Moses.
In a museum it is so amusing,
and I saw the painting of the beautiful
Mona Lisa!
I also saw great sculptures showing
their culture!
After that, I went to a mall in Venice,
Italy is beautiful
It was a little small, but you can
always stand tall.
There are thousands of things you
could see at Italy, thousands of sights!
Italy is full of treasures of great
qualities, and now I want to say that...
Italy you are a treasure forever!



3rd PLACE

Italy, Oh Rome

- Paola Cobian, 3rd Grade
Mr. Martinez's Class

From throwing coins in the
Trevi fountain
To sitting on the Spanish Steps
Chitting and chatting with words
like buona sera, come stai, and ciao
From the Alps to the Dolomitis
covered with snow
Thousands of people come to
Skate in the shivering winds
Canoeing in the moon's light
From the moon's light I will fly
I'm sorry I have to say good bye.

Did You Know?

Fashion is a little different in Italy. For example we wear tennis shoes everywhere. In Italy you'll usually only see them worn in gyms and on athletic fields. Here women wear pants a lot. You'll rarely see native Italian women wearing pants.

Holy Innocents Catholic School

A special thank you to Sister Madeleine for coordinating your school's participation.

1st PLACE

Italy...Nothing Greater

- Joshua Quibin, 5th Grade

Ms. Madrigal's Class

Italy is a great country.
It's a very nice place.
It's not all about the pizza.
But this place is full of great taste.

This country made many inventions.
The thermometer, typewriter, and the
ice cream cone too.
Without all of these cool inventions,
I just wouldn't know what to do.

I love Italy so greatly.
I really can't even explain.
I love Italy so deeply.
I will never ever complain.

This is why Italy is a treasure forever.
You can't get something like this just
by pulling a lever.

This country is smart,
very clever indeed.
I'm done with this poem,
there's more on Italy to read.



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Holy Innocents Catholic School

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2nd PLACE

"Italy...A Treasure Forever"

**- Joseph Arthur Belen, 3rd Grade
Sr. Mary Joanne's Class**

I haven't been to Italy, but through books, internet and chat
A lot of things I got - left me with good facts.
Yes, Italy is indeed a good place to live at.

This is one of the most developed countries
Rome is the largest city and capital of Italy
Every person would love to visit and see
And of course feel for ourselves why
Surely, Italy is...a treasure for everybody.
Under parliamentary republic government
Remember "Canto degli Italiani" their song forever will be.
Excellent amazing architectural styles

Florence Cathedral, Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Coliseum are places
I want to see

Oh, don't forget the Palazzo and the houses which they call
"CA" or "casas" in Italy.

Renaissance Garden inspired by beauty,
Excellent poets like Quasimodo came from Italy.

Violin and piano were invented in Italy

Even symphony, concerto and sonata can trace their roots back to Italy.
Right, Italy is a place to treasure for me.



3rd PLACE

Italy Most Beautiful

**- Matias Posada, 5th Grade
Ms. Madrigal's Class**

Italy most beautiful you show us
your beauty
Your people invented cologne
Which I can put on when I feel forlorn
You invented gelato which is fruity
and does its duty

Your car brands are great
I would buy all
When it comes to Fiat or Ferrari
You can never go wrong

If it's Maserati or Alfa Romeo
I would enjoy it for long
And I'm sure that Galileo
Would love to ride along

Your national sport is soccer
I enjoy it very much
This might not come as a shocker
Italy is a treasure forever

John Muir Academy

A special thank you to Maria Calimquim Yopez for coordinating your school's participation.

1st PLACE

The Treasures of Italy

**- Amy Uribe, 3rd Grade
Mrs. Silva's Class**

Maybe you want to see the Mona Lisa,
Or even go to the Leaning
Tower of Pisa

Then off to Italy you should go,
To see these fine treasures home.

The Trevi Fountain is just so fine.
You may even consider it to be divine.

Oh you can't forget the Pope.
He fills people with great hope.

Italy is a land with many treasures.
Its worth is well beyond measure.

2nd PLACE

Italy is a Treasure

**- Maelene DeJesus, 3rd Grade
Mrs. Silva's Class**

From the Alps to the beaches
and sands
Italy is a country of diverse
treasures and land.

There is skiing in the
Appenine Mountains.
Don't forget to test your luck at the
Trevi Fountain.

Pasta, pizza, and cheese so divine,
Even the wine tastes so fine.

There are a lot of famous buildings
in Rome
I would like to make it my
full time home.

Italy is the best!
It will always get an A+ on any
traveling test.

3rd PLACE

Fantastic Italy

**- Karina Quintero, 3rd Grade
Mrs. Silva's Class**

Of the different countries you'll
go through
Italy probably will be just for you!

Your first stop should be to see
Michelangelo's art.
When I looked at La Pieta it hurts
my heart.

A different, delicious treasure is their
gelato which is yummy.
Their gelato beats our bear gummies.

Italy has many beautiful and magical
sights,
As a traveler Italy's treasures will
bring you to new heights.

Leland Street Elementary School

A special thank you to Merrie Nishisaka for coordinating your school's participation.

1st PLACE

A Treasure...

in the Shape of a Boot

- Aleksandar Bolta, 3rd Grade

Mrs. Lopez's Class

Famous for its wine and cheeses,
Pavarotti, Verdi, Rome,
Can't imagine mamma's morning
without her espresso with some foam.

Uncle Tony drove a Ferrari,
with no roof, that's why he's bold,
Aunt Maria makes her special
Tiramisu that's deliciously cold.

The Learning Tower of Pisa leans
to the side,
Fontana di Trevi waits for couples in love,
Italy is a treasure,
Italy, it is Adriatic dove.

2nd PLACE

Miracle Water, A Cure From Italy

- Adriana Bonilla, 3rd Grade

**Mrs. Lopez's and Mrs. Gomez's
Classes**

Miracle Water, A Cure From Italy
Italy, the bottle smells of sweet grapes,
neroli oil, bergamot, rosemary,
and lavender.

The sweet smell fills the air in 1709
and continues in the lives of many.
This miracle water is a cure for
illnesses from small to large,

It is a treasure that lives on and on forever
in the hearts and souls of people,

This treasure soothes the senses, calms
the soul, and the mind,

The scents are long lasting on the body,
filling the air with joyful thoughts
and happiness,
The barber was creative in Italy, he
created
the cologne that fills my heart with joy,

Italy is a treasure forever, it is where
cologne was created,
it is used all around the world and will
always exist

Thank you barber for the smell of hope,
love, happiness, calmness,
and memories that will never end.

3rd PLACE

An Ancient & Modern Day Treasure!

- Jasmine Santoro, 5th Grade

Mrs. Rodriguez's Class

An Ancient & Modern Day Treasure!
Italy...a treasure forever!
Giotto's paintings we begin with,
For all knows it is not a myth.

Now it is clear,
Opera originated from here,
Now we must go to Rome,
To witness why many call it Home,
As we walk along in Rome,
We soon view Vatican Dome,
Drinking water and fashion is
number one in Italy.
Everyone loves Italy happily,
Italy, a treasure forever!

Los Cerritos Elementary

A special thank you to Linda Finley for coordinating your school's participation.

1st PLACE

Italy

- Taylor Marlow, 3rd Grade
Ms. Nadeau's Class

Italy, Italy shaped like a boot.
Famous for art and famous for food
I love your pasta
My mom loves your wine
I'd like to come visit you any old time.
Michelangelo's David
sure does look chilly
and if I posed like that
I would look silly
That's where the Pope lives
Catholics wait to get in
So I know where to go
If I ever do sin.

2nd PLACE

All Roads Lead To Rome

- Lauren Fieldhouse, 3rd Grade
Mrs. Finley's Class

When I am in Rome,
I never want to go home.
When I eat Italian food,
I feel a special mood.
When I see the ocean,
I can feel emotion.
The statues and fountains,
The snow on the mountains.
All these things are a great Treasure,
That we will NEVER know how to
measure!

3rd PLACE

Getting to Know Italy

- Mecca Woodson, 3rd Grade
Ms. Nadeau's Class

Oh Italy, I don't know much about you,
but I know I love pizza and pasta too!
The Leaning Tower of Pisa
looks like it will fall,
but your beautiful mountains and great beaches
make up for it all.
Opera, romance and expensive clothes galore,
boat rides, gelato, I'd like to know more.
Oh Italy, I've read so many great things about you,
Now I just need a plane ticket to make my new dream come true!



Mary Star of the Sea Elementary

A special thank you to Aggie DiTucci for coordinating your school's participation.



1st PLACE

A Dream Of The Past

- Liora Ocampo, 5th Grade
Mrs. D'Amato's Class

Ancient, old, big, and broken,
this is what I see today.
If I close my eyes and dream,
my imagination will take me away.
The excitement of the crowds cheering
for the Olympic Games being played.
The best athletes in the land
are in Rome today.
The gladiator battles
were the biggest games of all.
But sadly by the end,
one gladiator must Fall.
In the eighteenth century there was
reason to hope,
With the Stations of the Cross and
Benedict The Pope.
Although the fifty thousand seats
today are falling apart,
this magnificent scene of Italian Treasure
remains new in all of our hearts.

Did You Know?

Many words of Italian origin have entered other languages. For example the color "magenta" comes from a town in northern Italy named Magenta, and the name Madonna means "My Lady" in Italian!

2nd PLACE

Italy's Treasure

- Nick Diaz, 5th Grade
Mrs. D'Amato's Class

A treasure forever will be but only
one that is Italy.
People bask in it's glory while others
are adoring.
Italy has one treasure that will be forever.
Is it their passion for all kinds of fashion?
Or beautiful rhymes and no crimes?
Is it the language they speak or the
beauty they seek?
Could it be the beautiful sights, or the
rolling mountain heights?
That's not the only thing is it that they
like to sing?
Now if that's your only guess it's really
not your best.
The most important treasure part is that
it remains in my heart.

Mary Star of the Sea Elementary

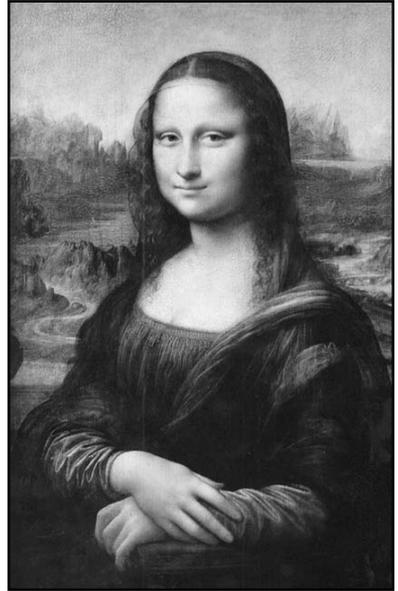
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3rd PLACE

What is the Treasure of Italy?

**- Grace Gioiello, 5th Grade
Mrs. D'Amato's Class**

What is the treasure of Italy?
Is it the Tower of Pisa?
The Mona Lisa?
Or a pretty painting on the ceiling?
Or maybe it happened in a game
of tennis under
the streets of Venice?
Or maybe Amerigo Vespucci?
Or linguini?
Or maybe Frank Sinatra's voice
of choice?
Or maybe Marco polo playing a
game of his name
in the pool?
Or maybe me a Gioiello Jewel?



Mary Star of the Sea High School

A special thank you to John Erb for coordinating your school's participation.

1st PLACE

If I May Have Italy

**- Atziri Alatorre, 10th Grade
Mr. Erb's Class**

As I walk upon the Italian boot,
Surprises emerge to my eyes.
The architecture so high in the sky
The Creator made Italy from designs
From none other than Michelangelo.
The Vatican is in the heart of Italy,
The land made up of such faith.
It is truly the place to be.
You may have the universe,
If I may have Italy.



Mary Star of the Sea High School

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2nd PLACE

Nothing Is Better

**- Ryan Martinez, 10th Grade
Mr. Erb's Class**

Italy,
a marvelous civilization
placed in a warm location.
With Sicily afloat in isolation,
great for a perfect vacation.

The seven hills of Rome,
a place where you need to roam.
Before you go home,
check out the old Roman domes.

Let us not forget the food to eat:
The oh my gosh tasty linguine
which is thinner than the fettucine,
all of which tastes great to me.

Italy surely is a treasure forever,
from what I hear
there is nothing better.

3rd PLACE

Land of All

**- Gary Yang, 10th Grade
Mr. Erb's Class**

In Italy, its capital is Rome,
The place with the Coliseum Dome.
The flag bears the green,
white, and red
And great pastas of which
millions are fed.

In Europe, is where this country exists
Of many cultures, religions and
societies consist.

There live over fifty million people
Who hopefully have seen the
Sistene Chapel.

The country gives smiles to all
the civilians

Knowing that they are full-blooded
Italians.

Did You Know?

There are two independent countries inside Italy's borders...the tiny Republic of San Marino (north-central Italy) and then the Vatican City which is located completely within the city of Rome.

San Pedro High School

A special thank you to Jeanette Stevens for coordinating your school's participation.



1st PLACE

A Jewel in the Crown

- Shelby Newallis, 10th Grade

Mrs. Ida Lanza's Class

Italia; the proud green, white, and red flag waves
from the mountains to the Mediterranean.

Italia; rich in ruins, romance, and relaxation.

Italia; the birthplace of pasta, pizza, and all
that is good in life.

Italia; the place where music and laughter linger
on the street corner.

Italia; a place of endless magic.

"Congratulations to the winners. They show a fine sense of musical language and graceful phrasing. I hope they will continue to write poems throughout their lives. But that goes for all the poets. They showed unusual talent for this youthful stage in their lives."

~ Gerry Locklin, *CSULB Professor of English, Published Poet,*
Buono's Poet's Choice Judge

Seventh Street Elementary School

A special thank you to Zan Colazas for coordinating your school's participation.

1st PLACE

That's Italian!

**- Eddie Valles, 5th Grade
Ms. Samm's Class**

Pasta is a national dish
In Sicily they eat a lot of fish
Italians invented the ice cream cone,
Meucci created the telephone,
Italians invented Italian ice,
Along with gelato that's very nice,
Italians made a machine that makes
 espresso,
They even invented the piano,
Lasagna, Spaghetti, Linguini, Ziti,
The Pope lives in the Vatican City,
Christopher Columbus sailed
 across the sea,
I bet he wishes he had a Ferrari,
Ischia, Venice, Florence, and Rome,
Makes me feel like I'm at home.

2nd PLACE

Historic Italy

**- Julia De La Merced, 4th Grade
Ms. Diaz's Class**

Historic Italy is what it's all about
Interesting Leaning Tower of Pisa
 as we know all about
So much to love and learn,
 you just can't believe!
Teatro Del Burattino is a
 puppet theater for kids to see.
Oh so magnifico!
Rome with Sistine Chapel
 designed by Michelangelo
Island of Ischia is where you want to
 be, beautiful beaches like Capri
Coliseum has passageways used by
 Gladiators to fight where visitors
 can go through
Aquarium of Genoa the largest in
 Europe and the best too
Lake Garda where Gardaland an
 amusement park is so much fun to see
So much to learn, so much to
 treasure on HISTORICAL Italian!!!
Viva ITALIAN!!!

3rd PLACE

Italy a Treasure Forever...

Beautiful Dream

**- Angelina Camello, 4th Grade
Ms. Gross' Class**

The beaches in Ischia
are hidden treasures.
I swim in the water and follow the fish.
I lie on the sand and look at
 IL Castello Aragonese.
With a gelato in my hand
I think about my nonna and nonno
And how they were young and
 would hold hands on the sand.

My nonno would talk
about his next boat plans.
I nap on the beach with a
towel on my feet
and pretend I'm a mermaid
in the Mediterranean Sea.
I awake from my nap
from the sound of beep beep.
It was my cousin Antonio.
I slip on my flip flops
and I run to the street
I jump on his vespa
to get to another beach.

South Shores Magnet School

A special thank you to Julene Spinosa for coordinating your school's participation.

1st PLACE

Beautiful Italy

- **Shyloh Oostwald, 3rd Grade**
Ms. Finnley's Class

Italy is a beautiful country I would love to visit.
There are lots of famous places in it.
I would love to ride in a gondola in Venice
or walk sideways in the leaning tower of Pisa.

Two thousand years ago Mount Vesuvius erupted
and buried the city of Pompeii, "mama-mia!"

Ravioli, lasagna, pizza, tortellini.
All these foods I want to eat.
For dessert what could be better than gelato
a frozen treat.

In Italy they dance of grapes, grow fields of sunflowers,
and pray to Saints.
Soccer is the sport Italians love to play.
It would be fun to run and kick
and make goals all day.

Italians make the best wine, "that's what I've been told,"
but I'm only 8 so I'll have to wait until I'm 21 years old.



Did You Know?

"Rossi" is the most common
last name in Italy (over
68,000 families have it).

"Ferrari" is the third most
common last name!

South Shores Magnet School

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2nd PLACE

Italy: A Treasure For Us

- Jason Foster, 4th Grade
Ms. Dye's Class

Italy is the place to be.
It has so many great cities to see.

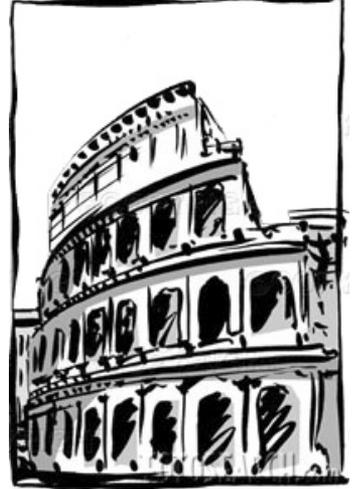
The largest is the Eternal City known as Rome.
Next, is Milan where fashion and finance
call home.

You're off to a great start,
Jump on a vespa to Florence for great art.

You become hungry, what is your wish?
Pasta, of course, the national dish.

The Italians discovered so many things:
The telephone, eyeglasses, and the espresso machine.

If it weren't for the Italians where would we be?
It was Christopher Columbus who discovered our great
country!



3rd PLACE

A Pleasure and A Hoot

- Kai Kaneshiro, 4th Grade
Ms. Dye's Class

It's a pleasure to roam in Rome,
where I would love to own a home.

In Venice there are water streets,
and hundreds of restaurants with
good eats.

Oh how I love fancy cars and nice shoes,
with fine leather and Ferrari's,
no one has the blues.

The Vatican is the home of the Pope.
Whose job is to help people and
give them hope.

The country is shaped like a boot
a visit there would be a hoot!

St. Lucy School in Long Beach

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1st PLACE

Italy - A Treasure Forever

- Mason Tan, 3rd Grade

Miss Andric's Class

Arrived in the "Eternal City" also known as Rome,
Across the ocean very very far from home.

Took a little tour riding on a vespa,
First stop the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

The smell of the sea and wind in my face,
Like I'm at Circus Maximus long ago in a chariot race.

Made a wish and threw a coin in the famous Trevi Fountain,
Rome is located by the sea near the Apennine mountain.

Birthplace of famous people like Michelangelo and Raphael,
The legendary artists not ninja turtles on a half shell.

Next stop the Vatican, where people pray for hope,
Home of Benedict the Sixteenth, our current Pope.

Last stop is to see the statues of gods in the Pantheon,
Italy is a treasure forever and I hope it will never be gone!



St. Lucy School in Long Beach

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2nd PLACE

Linguini Soccer

- AJ Rivera, 3rd Grade

Miss Andric's Class



The fans arrive early to San Siro Stadium in Milan and are amazed by what they see.

The field was made with pizza ingredients and pasta, too!

Soccer nets were made of linguini and pasta with the corner flags made with pizza slices.

Mozzarella cheese was used to outline the field.

Soccer players began kicking meatball shaped soccer balls into the nets.

Michelangelo blew the ravioli whistle and the players were ready to begin. They passed the meatball up and down the field looking to score.

The meatball bounces off a player's garlic bread shin guard into the goal. The fans jumped up and down with excitement when the meatball hit the net. GOOOAAALLLLL!!!! The fans shouted throwing pepperoni confetti in the air!

3rd PLACE

Venice

- Claire Catalasan, 5th Grade

Ms. Whorl's Class

Italy, Oh Italy, I am ready to go!
Cannot wait! Oh I cannot wait what
Italy's going to show!

What may I ask am I specifically
going to see?
I am going to a landscape in Italy!

It is built over 100 islands, connected
by bridges.

It has attractions such as
beautiful churches, museums, sites,
more than that!

Near San Marco, lives a spooky story,
About St. Mark's bones buried
now history!

Also the streets flood easily, so they
walk on the canals,
so they can reach home safely.

Many tourists travel in this place,
If you want to know why,
It is one of the most popular
and romantic cities in the world!

Have you guessed? I will tell you
since time is less.

It is the remarkable landscape in
Italy, Venice!

White Point Elementary School

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1st PLACE

Treasuring Italy

- Ryan Klopfenstein, 5th Grade
Mrs. Johnson's Class



Italy, oh Italy, with buildings old and new,
Your architectural strength builds
a city on the ocean blue.

Orchards of all sizes, from shrubs to grapevines,
and water so beautiful, it looks as if it shines

Italy has lots of things, one different from the rest,
but personally to me, the piano is best.

It originated in Italy, and spread throughout the land,
they come in different sizes, I play a baby grand!

2nd PLACE

A Treasured Place

- Adriana Maldonado, 5th Grade
Mrs. Johnson's Class

Statues of gods,
They're silver and gold
The art is so fine
So is their wine.

Markets bustling,
with food that's so full of taste
it fills you up with anticipation
there is no time to waste.

Feel the heat
of the noon time sun,
feel the smiles on the people
as they greet you, one by one.

Their past was a proud fight
now, only smiles are here
every day and night.
I could stay here for ever
that's why Italy is a treasure.

3rd PLACE

Thy Italy

- Christina Barlow, 5th Grade
Mrs. Johnson's Class

Thee on thy own makes it so charming
Water flowing under
Colorful archways
Gods and Saints paste
Artful depictions
Brilliant cooks in all shapes and sizes
More tourist come to see you shine
Bright midday sky

I hear music in the miles
Origin of guitar and piano
Endless roads of grapevines and smiles
Thy Italy so delightful and mysterious
Thee is riches of the earth

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Where do the Buonos Come From?

The Buono Family was raised in a little beach town called Ischia in Southern Italy. The town is on a volcanic island that is only 18 square miles.

Known as the Emerald Isle, its mineral springs have made it popular as a health resort and a tourist center. People there fish and farm, and also make wine, tile and pottery.

The Buono family were bakers, which explains why the pizza dough at Buono's Authentic Pizzeria is just wonderful!

The Buonos take pride in their heritage and traditions and encourages everyone to enjoy what they bring to you in their restaurants since 1973. Buon Appetito!

Italian Spoken Here!



Here's some Italian to help you feel even more at home
at Buono's Authentic Pizzeria!

Buono:
(Bwon-oh)
Good.

Buona Notte:
(Bwon-ah No-tay)
Good Night.

Buon Giorno:
(Bwone Jee-or-no)
Good Morning.

Buon Appetito:
(Bwone-Ap-eh-tee-toe)
(I wish you) a hearty appetite.

Buon Pomeriggio:
(Bwone Pom-er-ee-jee-o)
Good Afternoon.

Ciao:
(Chow)
Hello/Goodbye.

Buona Sera:
(Bwone-ah Sar-ah)
Good Evening.

Arrivederci:
(Ah-reev-a-dare-chee)
See you soon;
Until we meet again.

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