



# Birchwood School of Hawken

## BIRCHWOOD SCHOOL OF HAWKEN PRESS RELEASE

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### **Four Young Poets are Published in Cricket Magazine**

Jonah Neider (Lakewood), Areesha Nouman (Cleveland) and Isabella Bixler (Fairview Park) placed first, second and third place in a recent Cricket Magazine Poem Contest. The winning entries were published in the February edition of the children's magazine. Mariana Del Rio (Strongsville) received an honorable mention and her poem is published online at:

<http://www.cricketmagkids.com/league/contest/winners/292223>

These third and fourth grade students wrote an original poem about something scary. Neider's winning poem entitled, "[Creepy Science Teacher](#)" details the sights and sounds found in school science lab filled with skeletons, skulls and brains. Nouman's poem "[Hurricane](#)" describes the frightening experiences that accompany a storm. Bixler's "[Where Are They?](#)" is an acrostic poem about young cousins that have gone missing. Del Rio's piece entitled, "[What is it?](#)" is a graphic portrayal of someone who hears footsteps in the hallway, the swinging of a bedroom door, and the sounds of something climbing a bunkbed ladder.

Cricket Magazine Group began offering top-quality children's literature over 35 years ago and now publishes a line of beautifully illustrated literary magazines for children of all ages. Their publications celebrate the creativity of young readers with regular challenges and contests featuring their extraordinary work. They are dedicated to providing award-winning media on a safe and secure learning network to engage, enlighten and educate children everywhere.

"It is exciting to see our students develop as poets. We all celebrate when their original pieces are chosen for publication," reported Joanna West, one of Birchwood's language arts teachers.

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**Birchwood School of Hawken** is a private, coeducational school in Cleveland, Ohio. Founded in 1984, Birchwood serves students in kindergarten through grade 8. Birchwood's mission is to provide an educational setting where challenging academics build solid work habits, an achievement culture nurtures healthy attitudes, and a caring environment forges social responsibility.

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From left to right: Jonah Neider, Areesha Nouman, Isabella Bixler, and Mariana Del Rio