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## **KQED Education Network Announces the Winners of the PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest**

*-- Bay Area Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third Graders to be Awarded Prizes at  
June 5 KQED Ceremony --*

San Francisco, May 21, 2010 -- KQED Education Network is proud to announce the winners of the **PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest**. The contest extends the powerful tradition and annual success of the 15-year national "Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest." This popular contest nurtures children's creative expression by encouraging children in kindergarten through the third grade to write and illustrate their own stories. The winners were chosen from more than 570 entrants from across the Bay Area, including entries from sister station KTEH in San Jose.

KQED will invite winners and their families to the station on Saturday, June 5 from 11am to 1pm for the awards ceremony, where winners will receive a variety of prizes. All 16 winning stories will be featured, and every child who participated in this contest will receive a special certificate of achievement. KQED's grand-prize winners will go into judging at the national level.

This year's KQED winners are:

### **Kindergarten**

First Place: **The Tickling Swishy**, Vinay (Abhi) Patil, Cupertino

Second Place: **Alien in my backyard**, Mansi Janki Khare, Fremont

Third Place: **The Vain Deer**, Lavanya M. Sundar, Cupertino

Honorable Mention: **The Fox and the Pigeon**, Hiranya A. Sundar, Cupertino

### **First Grade**

First Place: **Potato Anthill**, Aditya Rao, Cupertino

Second Place: **If I Were**, Kate Jackson, San Jose

Third Place: **Not In the Trash**, Skyler Krop Hedblom, Redwood City

Honorable Mention: **The Little Boy and the Mean Pitcher**, Cristian Torres, Daly City

### **Second Grade**

First Place: **Rainbow Wings**, Rohini Singh, Fremont

Second Place: **Emma's Treasure**, Mira Ramachandran, Fremont

Third Place: **Mooshie's Adventure**, Talia Funk, San Rafael

Honorable Mention: **School for Dog's Owners**, Estefania Suro, San Jose

### **Third Grade**

First Place: **Rebecca In The Kingdom Of Music**, Karen Chen, San Francisco

Second Place: **John's Tail**, Aishwarya Jaydeep, Cupertino

Third Place: **A Mouse in the House**, Shirowid Sharma, San Ramon

Honorable Mention: **The Adventure of the Twin Kitten**, Erica Lui, Davis

The **PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest** is one of many opportunities provided by KQED Education Network's Early Learning division, which teaches parents and childcare professionals how to turn PBS programming into an interactive, educational tool. KQED Education Network will incorporate the PBS KIDS Raising Readers *Any Time is Learning Time* messaging into the activities. KQED Education Network and PBS KIDS Raising Readers deliver sound and useful literacy messages and opportunities to the parents and caregivers of children from ages 2 through 8 in target neighborhoods. KQED strives to meet the literacy needs of target communities in Oakland and San Francisco through community events, media-rich resources, professional development opportunities, and strategic partnerships.

### **About KQED Education Network**

KQED Education Network engages with community and educational organizations to broaden and deepen the impact of KQED media to effect positive change. Through parent education and professional development workshops, public screenings, multimedia resources, and special events, Education Network reaches more than 200,000 Bay Area residents a year and serves people of all ages, with a particular emphasis on reaching underserved communities. Learn more about its three unique services, Early Learning, Educational Services, and Community Engagement, at [www.kqed.org/ednet](http://www.kqed.org/ednet).

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