

Poetry Alive!

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This was the ninth year that AAHC sponsored Poetry Alive! here in Bartlesville. **Poetry Alive!** is a professional touring company based in Asheville, NC. Since 1984, **Poetry Alive!** has been presenting high-energy shows for audiences of all ages. Paul Fleischman states, "They don't recite poetry, they act poetry!"

We had a marvelous time this year presenting **Poetry Alive!** to the students of Bartlesville! This year we went to Madison Middle School, Central Middle School and St. John's Catholic School. Here the actors presented poems to the students in an assembly. The kids loved it as the poetry was acted out before them, but even more, as they participated themselves. Students were called on stage to try their acting skills with Ernest Thayer's *Casey at the Bat* and the poem *Paul Revere's Ride* by Longfellow. They loved being on the stage participating and realized that poetry can be educational and fun! The teachers even got involved and on stage for the poem *Moth Serenade* by Paul Fleischman.

After the assemblies, there were 8 class room follow-ups provided. Students were encouraged to gather in teams to act out the meaning of *Poem* by Langston Hughes. It was a delight to see the students enjoying poetry as they created their own presentation for the class and experienced having their individual interests aroused at writing personal poetry selections.



Thank you Valerie & Josh from **Poetry Alive!** for making poetry come alive this week for all of us!

