

Beautiful Words

*A compilation of the best poems from the
2017 English Haiku Contest*

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A Few Words of Appreciation

We would like to thank the teachers and schools that participated in this year's English Haiku Contest. We thank the judges for their hard work in deciding the best haiku poems.

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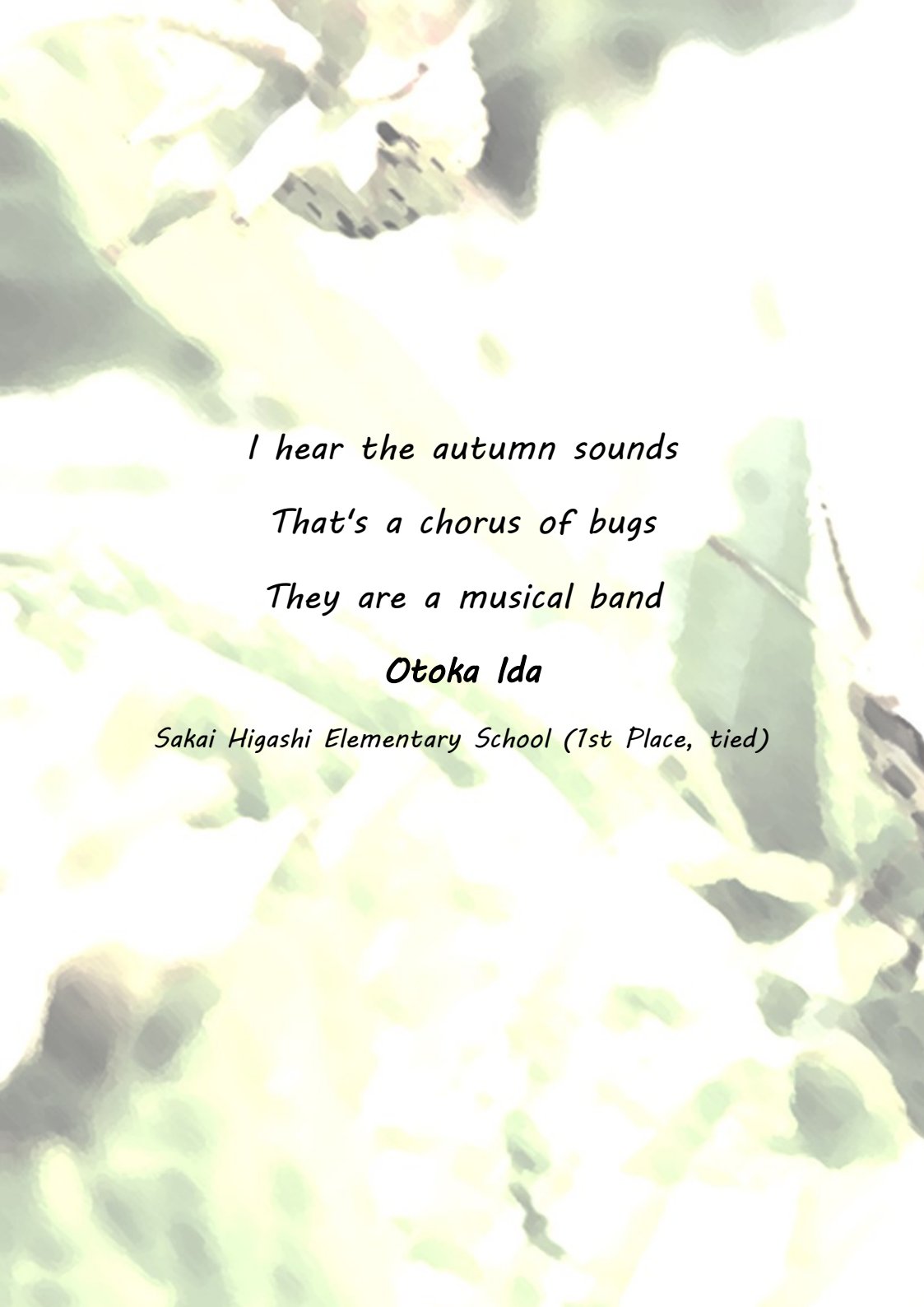
And we would especially like to thank all of the students that participated. We enjoyed reading your haiku very much.

- the Impress Team





Elementary School Group



*I hear the autumn sounds
That's a chorus of bugs
They are a musical band*

Otoka Ida

Sakai Higashi Elementary School (1st Place, tied)



Who paints the mountain?

Orange, yellow, red,

Nice and beautiful leaves

Mahiro Iino

Kita Dai 2 Elementary School (1st Place, tied)

*Flying with the wind
Fluttering autumn leaves
Feels melancholy melody*

Daizo Nishikawa

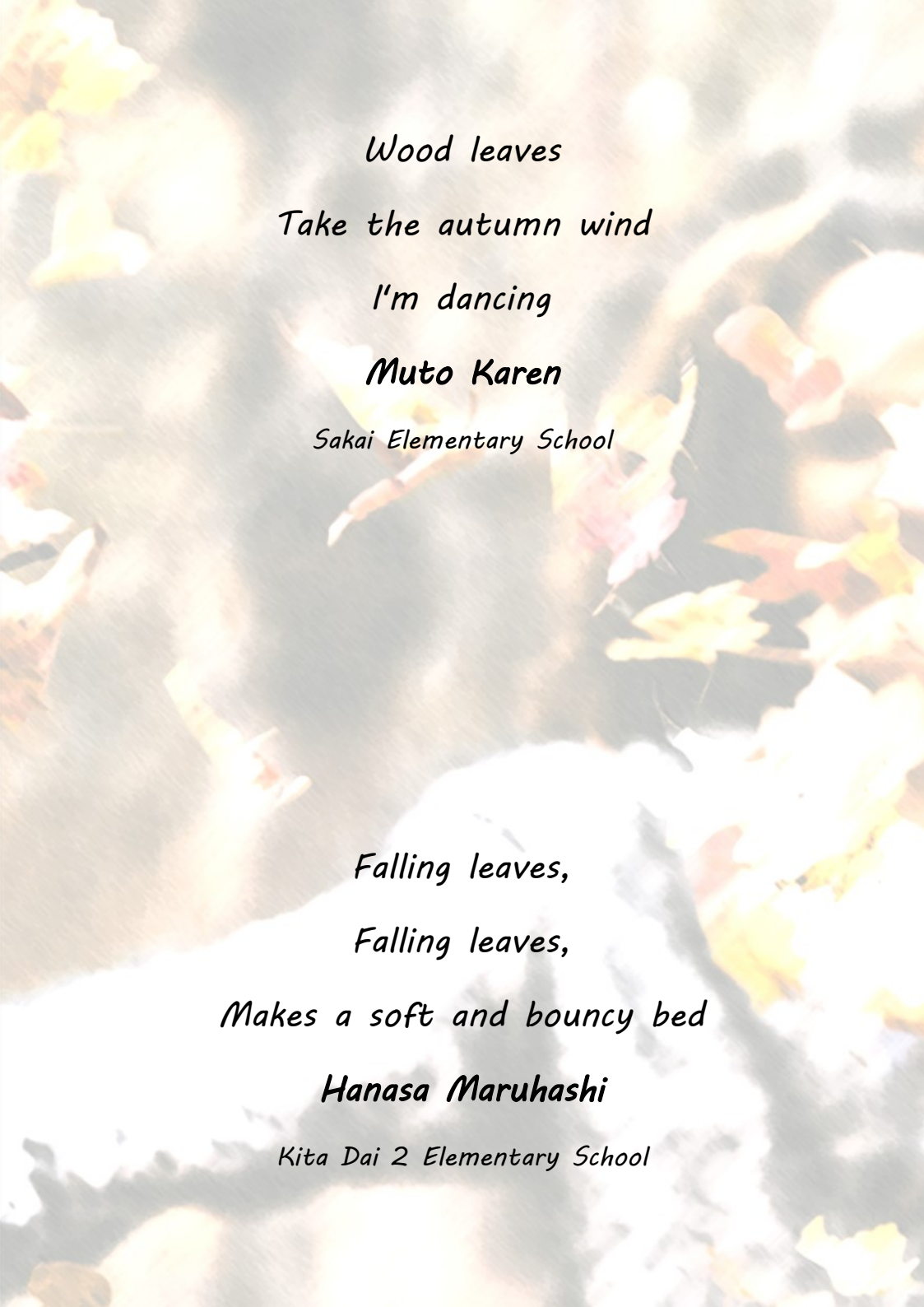
Kita Dai 2 Elementary School (2nd Place, tied)

*In deep dark night
Stars in the sky
Looks nice and bright*

Khan Muhammad Mansoor Ali

Sakai Elementary School (2nd Place, tied)





*Wood leaves
Take the autumn wind
I'm dancing*

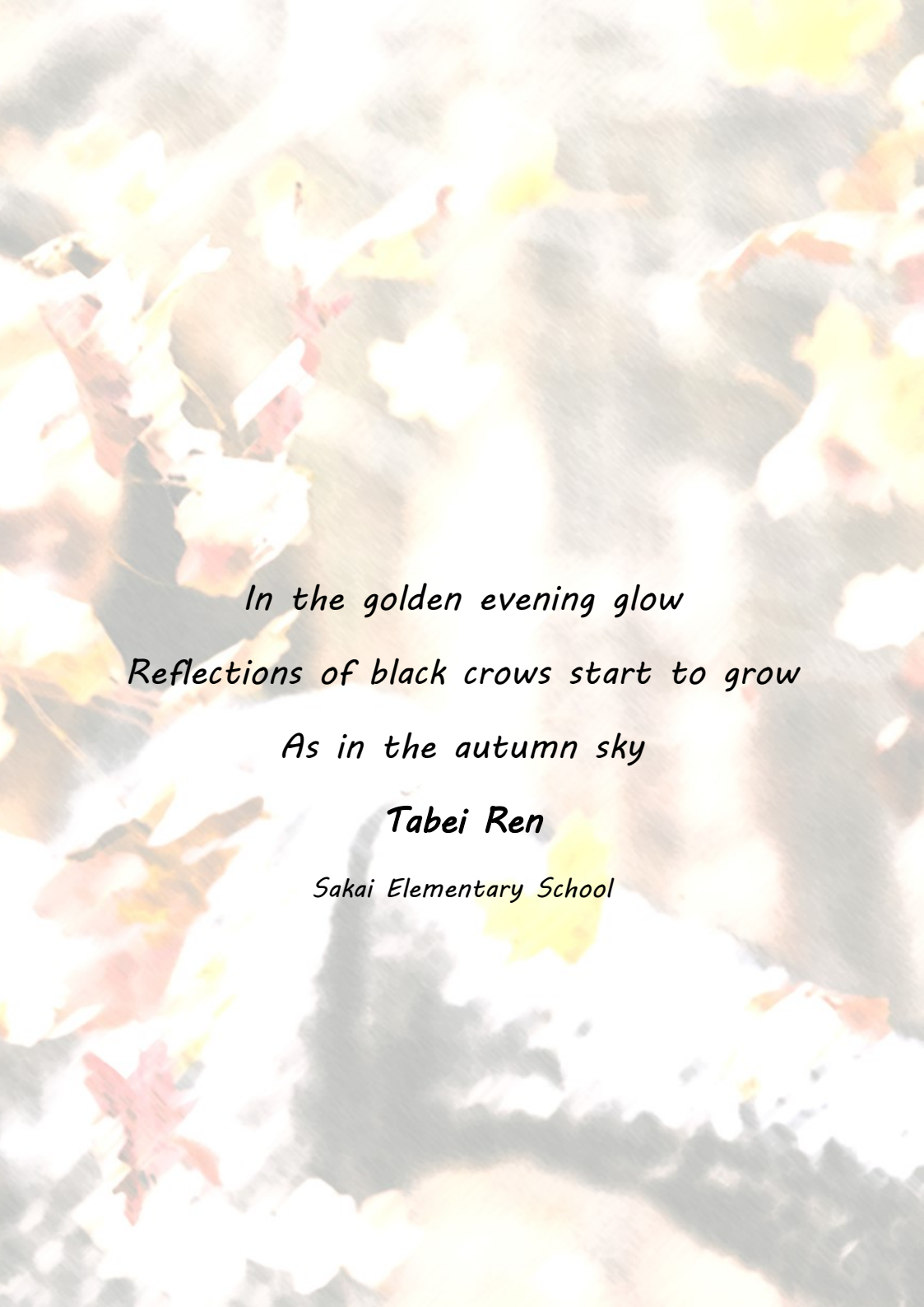
Muto Karen

Sakai Elementary School

*Falling leaves,
Falling leaves,
Makes a soft and bouncy bed*

Hanasa Maruhashi

Kita Dai 2 Elementary School



*In the golden evening glow
Reflections of black crows start to grow
As in the autumn sky*

Tabei Ren


Sakai Elementary School

*On the veranda
I see the shining moon
I'm very happy*

Yuka Kitazume

Sakai Higashi Elementary School





*White rabbits
are playing hide-and-seek
in snow*

Riria Isoda

Kita Dai 2 Elementary School

*Cats are making
A big fuss because of
The smell of saury*
Taisei Matsushima

Kita Dai 2 Elementary School

*I love Grandpa very much
He gives me lots of sweets
when I help him*

Sena Ishii

Sakai Higashi Elementary School

*Famous Indian food
Super delicious curry
I think I'm hungry*

Wakana Arai

Nawa Elementary School







Junior High School Group

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My winter lovers

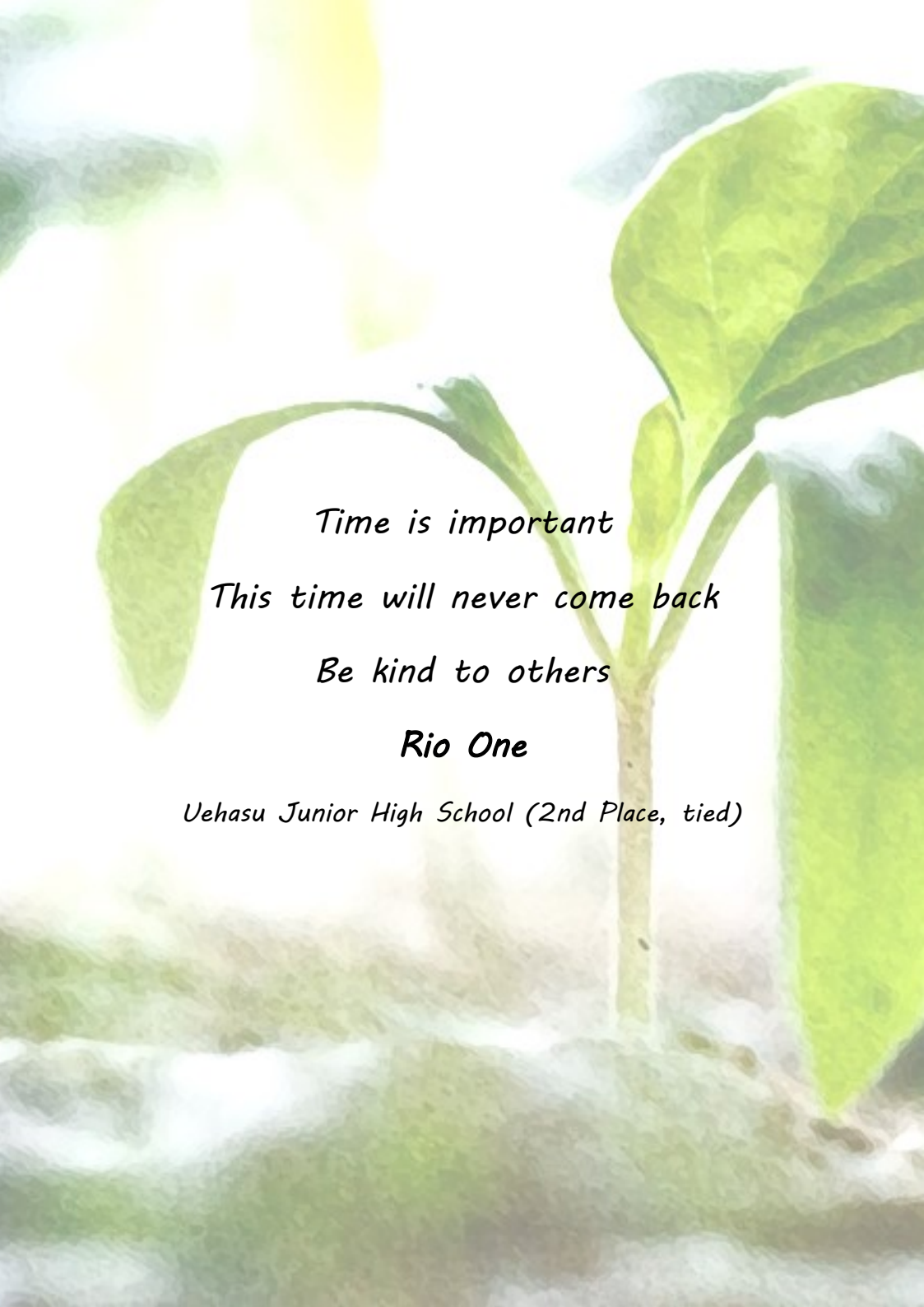
Thank you for making me warm

Hot s'mores and cocoa

Rio Suda

Sakai Kita Junior High School (1st Place)

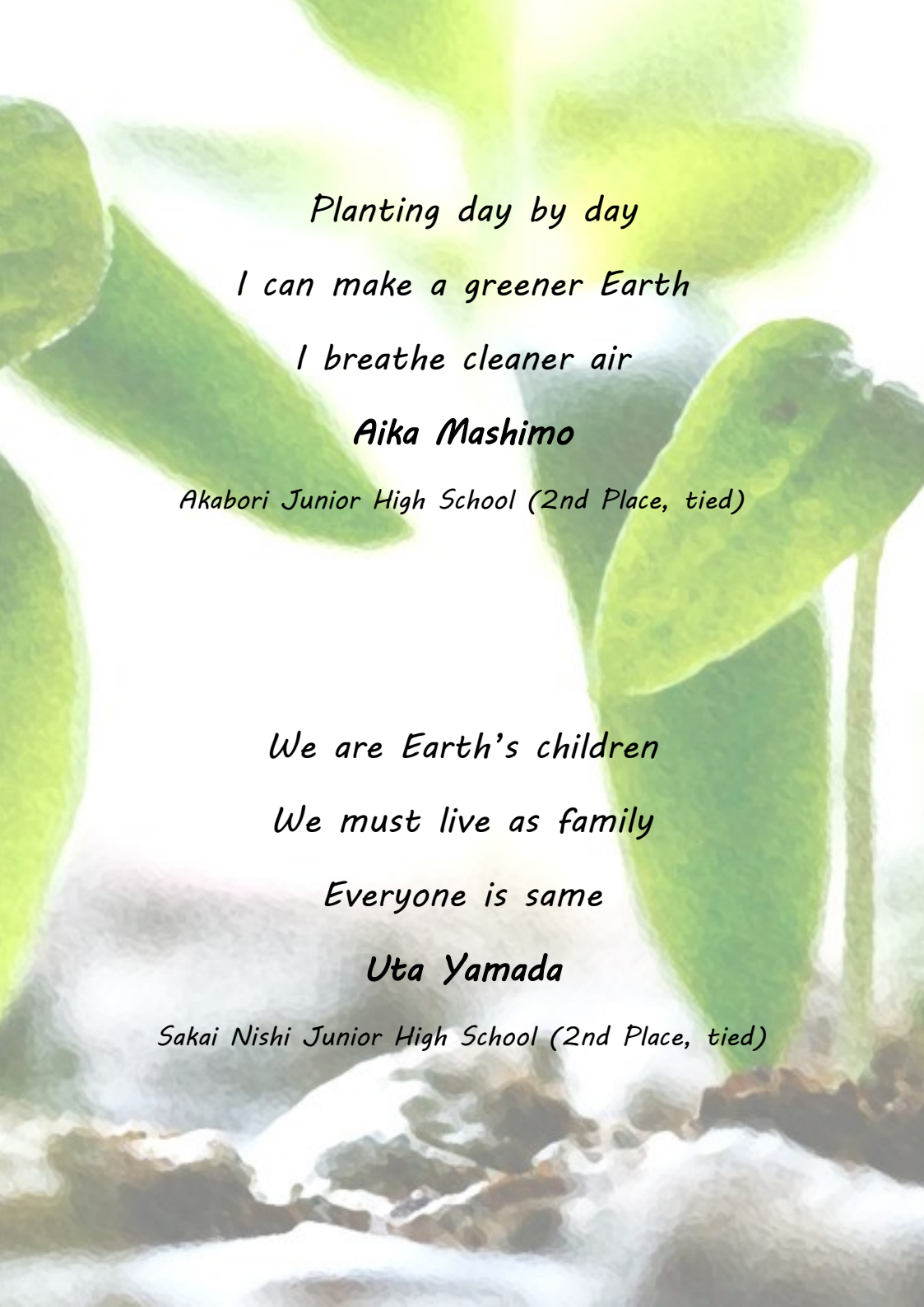




*Time is important
This time will never come back
Be kind to others*

Rio One

Uehasu Junior High School (2nd Place, tied)



*Planting day by day
I can make a greener Earth
I breathe cleaner air*

Aika Mashimo

Akabori Junior High School (2nd Place, tied)

*We are Earth's children
We must live as family
Everyone is same*

Uta Yamada

Sakai Nishi Junior High School (2nd Place, tied)

*Lie down
Around me, a mountain
Of red leaves*

*Takumi Matsumura
Uehasu Junior High School*

*Green mountain
Suddenly,
Red mountain
Kanau Morita
Uehasu Junior High School*

*Venus and
Crescent moon aligned*

Autumn sky

Manami Saito

Sakai Kita Junior High School

*The white scenery
Snow falls like a petal
Becoming real flowers*

Moeka Ishikura

Sakai Kita Junior High School

*January, snow falls
But we can't make snowmen
The test is coming*

Anna Arai

Sakai Kita Junior High School

*Spring wind
He moved away, I missed him
I've never forgotten him*

Akihiro Ono

Sakai Kita Junior High School

*A chilly morning
It is getting cold
Winter is here*

Jan Peres

Uehasu Junior High School

*If it is cold
I think to myself
White breath*

Kokone Nakai

Akabori Junior High School

*All winter morning
Together with my futon
I want to sleep more*

Ririko Iino

Sakai Nishi Junior High School

*I'm a big dragon
Flying higher in the sky
My future is bright*
Ryuya Watanabe
Sakai Nishi Junior High School

*I am a runner
I can run really fast
Only going to toilet*
Konoka Kusano
Sakai Nishi Junior High School

*What am I doing
In the middle of the night
I'm going to bed*

Toru Kawashima

Akabori Junior High School

*I have a cat
My knee and my heart
Were robbed*

Yuzuki Sakumi

Akabori Junior High School

*"That's OK,
Don't worry"
Please say it to me*

Tokuno Takahiro

Akabori Junior High School

*I have been on a diet
Don't eat! Be patient!
Oh... Why am I fat?!*

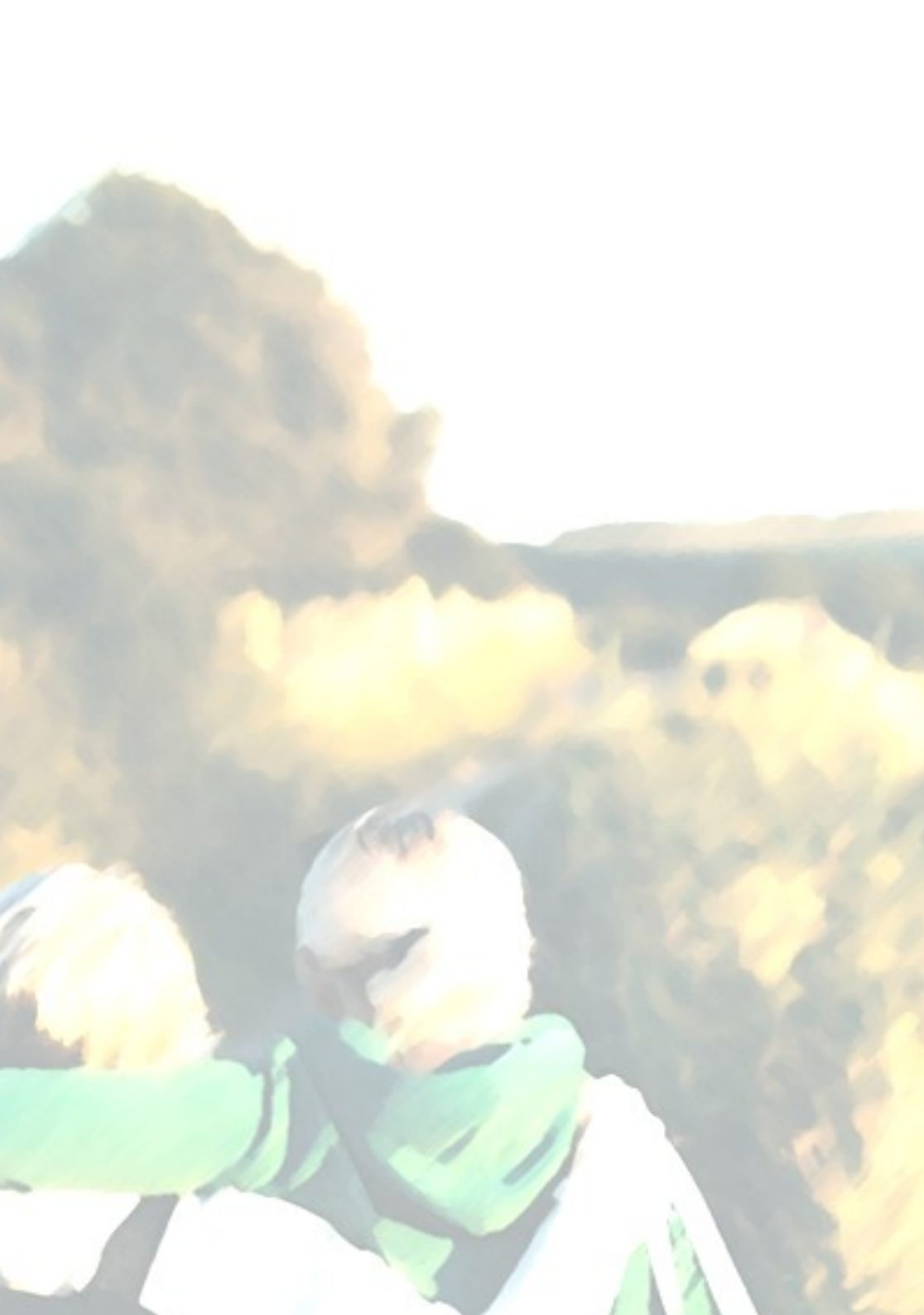
Sora Fukuoka

Akabori Junior High School

*My friend
Don't be shy, we're friends
Aren't we?*

Sayuri Kanehira

Uehasu Junior High School







High School Group

*I like to read books
I read through the long fall night
The morning has come*

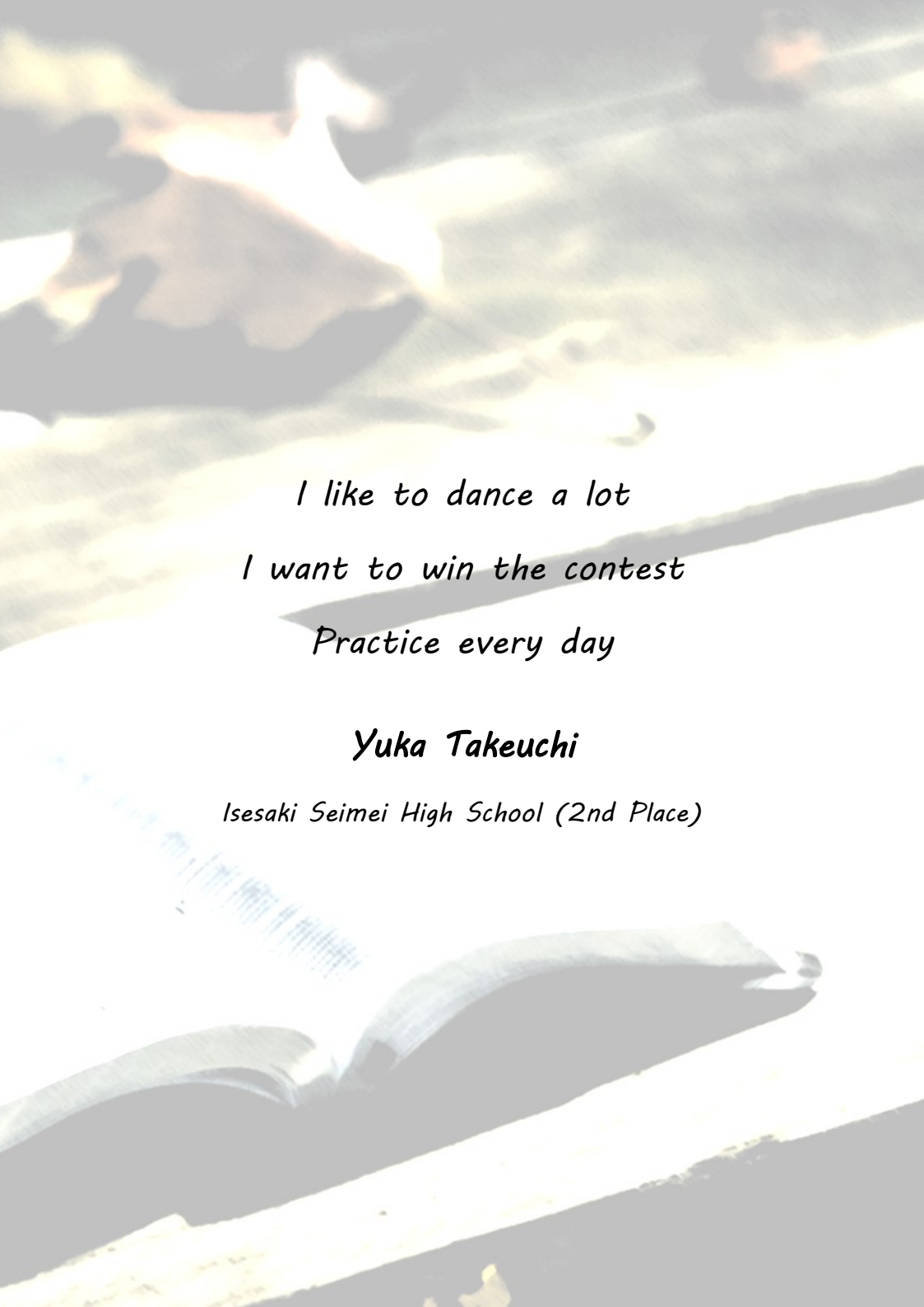
Takako Saito

Isesaki Seimei High School (1st Place)

*I like animals
I want to go to the zoo
They are cute and cool*

Aino Komoda

Isesaki Seimei High School (3rd Place)



*I like to dance a lot
I want to win the contest
Practice every day*

Yuka Takeuchi

Isesaki Seimei High School (2nd Place)





Teacher Group



*In the cold morning
Shoes' dreams come true to become
Dancers on a road show*

Noriko Takahashi

Sakai Nishi Junior High School (1st Place)

*Sweet and bitter
Some people meet, some people separate
Cherry blossoms sweetly bloom*

Akiko Takahashi

Akabori Junior High School (2nd Place)

*My students are nice!
They always make me happy
But sometimes angry*

Yoshiko Araki

Sakai Nishi Junior High School (3rd Place)

The End

Statistics and Information

Number of Participants

Elementary School Students: 27

Junior High School Students: 91

High School Students: 3

Teachers: 3

Total: 125 Participants

Submissions by School

Kita Dai 2 ES	13
Nawa ES	1
Sakai ES	9
Sakai Higashi ES	4
Akabori JHS	20
Sakai Kita JHS	39
Sakai Nishi JHS	4
Uehasu JHS	28
Isesaki Seimei HS	3

Total: 9 Schools

Statistics and Information

Voting Process

Round 1:

Tournament-Style Voting

Round 2:

Best Three Selection

Judges

*Yoshiko Araki, Gavin Au-Yeung, Ryan Ballantine,
Rachel Beilsmith, Bannister Brownlee,
Charlemagne Caoile, Max Castillo, Misao Chigusa,
David Friedberg, Toni Kobayashi, John Larson,
George Liu, Sean Marmon, Yurie Matsumura,
Miho Nakamura, and Aimee-Lee Nash*

Contest Prize Winners

Elementary School Students: 4

1st Place: Otoka Ida, Mahiro Iino

2nd Place: Muhammad Mansoor Ali Khan,
Daizo Nishikawa

Junior High School Students: 4

1st Place: Rio Suda

2nd Place: Aiko Mashimo, Rio One, Uta Yamada

High School Students: 3

1st Place: Takako Saito

2nd Place: Yuka Takeuchi

3rd Place: Aino Komoda

Teachers: 3

1st Place: Noriko Takahashi

2nd Place: Akiko Takahashi

3rd Place: Yoshiko Araki

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