



Key Dates

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

- All contest materials now available online.

JANUARY 19, 2016 EDGAR ALLAN POE'S BIRTHDAY

- Contest ends at your school giving you ten days to select a winner and submit the poem to 7GP. See "Picking A Winning Poem".
- Educator Surveys are sent to registered school contact.

JANUARY 29, 2016 ROBERT FROST DIES AT AGE 88 IN 1963

- **Winning poem must be submitted** absolutely no later than this date due to electronic cut-off.
- The 7GP Educator Liaison will begin sending feedback to educators to share with each school's winning student.

FEBRUARY 12, 2016 ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY (HE WROTE POEMS TOO)

- Deadline for schools to submit the winning student's release form.
- Deadline for schools to submit the winning student's photo. See ideas for taking a quality photo in "Submission Guidelines." Remember, the student will have his/her face on the cover of the book.

FEBRUARY 29, 2016 (A SPECIAL DAY BECAUSE IT'S LEAP YEAR)

- Deadline to submit final draft of poem (this final poem should include the necessary revisions from suggested feedback).
- Deadline for schools to submit Pre-Event Educator Survey.

MARCH 23, 2016

- 7GP sends out formal invitations to schools to attend or view the live broadcast of all *2016 7GP Contest* winning poets and filmed readings for April 13, 2016 celebration event held at Missouri History Museum during National Poetry Month.
- Deadline for schools to submit the winning student's video.

APRIL 13, 2016 (7GP NATIONAL POETRY MONTH LIVESTREAMED CELEBRATION)

- America's most exciting livestreamed celebration of young adolescent poetry is held at Missouri History Museum in St. Louis and can be seen at 7gp.org.
- Books and cash prizes are distributed to students, educators and other attendees at the event.

MAY 1, 2016 DEATH OF JOHN DRYDEN, FIRST OFFICIAL POET LAUREATE

- This is the latest date that books and prizes will be mailed to all student winners and educators not attending the April 13 event and when book donations are sent to school and public libraries.