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Judge's Comments

Orlie Trier

I appreciated the opportunity to read these and attempt to pick one out as a winner. I read them for their creativity and for the images that they presented. And for me the winning entry gave an image, and since I like deserts, that won out. But all need to be congratulated for their creativity and use of words. I am always impressed when somebody can do writing like this. They all brought a smile to my lips and a bit of joy to my heart. Reading this kind of creativity can only make life a bit more enjoyable.

Blessings to all.

Pastor Orlie

First Place
Ann Widmer

Snow falls on mountain
lava, baked and barren cracked.
Frost the fallen cake.

Second place
Simisola Komolafe

Black! Red! Brown! Yellow!
Dynamite explosion?
Actually: smoke

Staff note: We received over 30 haiku in this year’s contest from students, staff and faculty! From those, the Promethean staff selected the top ten they believed the strongest, and then forwarded those to Pastor Orlie who read them anonymously and picked a first and second place. On the following pages, we re-print those top entries (in no specific order). Thanks to all who entered!
HONORABLE MENTION

Been quiet too long
Mount Saint Helens is stirring
Now go kick some ash

Emily Wilbur

She breathes ash downwind
Trembling, she howls in old tongues
Breathes new lava fire

Alissa Harris

The mountain rumbles
Impatient though the watcher
The earth’s clock is slow

Diana Mitchell

The cratered mountain
Disaster for us it seems
Geologist’s dream

Jennifer Stanford

Rain death on Iraq
But not, dear mountain, on us...
They’re just heathen, right?

Dan Wright

Rip Rupture Rumble
Blithe Brash Bombastic Billow
Sing, Shamed Saint, Sing

Greg Close

water rock ash wind
Harry Truman lives again
virgin sacrifice

Steven Frasier

News: move, danger spot
Mt Volcano that was not
Hot? not even close.

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