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Celebrate National Punctuation Day Friday, September 24

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<u>Day</u> this year. Write a haiku poem and enter a Haiku Contest. Winning entries will receive a plethora of punctuation goodies from the day's founder, Jeff Rubin.



How do you enter the contest?

Send your best Haiku 5-7-5 (syllables, that is) poetry to Jeff@NationalPunctuationDay.com by September 30 to be included for prizes.

These three Haiku examples came from Craig Harrison, one of the best trainers and prolific writers around.

- Which colon to use? Colon or semi-colon? I'll use a comma.
- o Exclamation points. Some people just love to shout, In print and in speech.
- Serial comma. What is your philosophy? To use or not to?

Did you know?

In 2006, National Punctuation Day® founder Jeff and his wife, Norma, began performing Punctuation Playtime® assemblies in elementary schools. Punctuation Playtime® has been performed nearly 75 times in schools from California to Chicago to New York. Punctuation Playtime® is a 45-minute program for children in grades K-6. Punctuation Playtime® features games, activities, and storytelling—even a rap song—to reinforce important punctuation lessons in an effort to enhance children's reading, writing, and communication skills.

How can you celebrate Punctuation Day?

- Go to www.NationalPunctuationDay.com and become familiar with punctuation rules and issues.
- 2. Organize punctuation activities at your school, library, or office.
- Share punctuation peeves at Jeff@NationalPunctuationDay.com.
- 4. Send photos of incorrectly punctuated signage to Jeff@NationalPunctuationDay.

Jeff presents more ideas in The Exclamation Point!- Fall 2010 ezine. To get your PDF copy, email him at <u>Jeff@NationalPunctuationDay.com</u> with <u>The Exclamation Point!</u> in the subject line.