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Indian Creek Middle School Students Bring Home 26 Awards From Regional Science Fair

Indian Creek Middle School students represented the Newton County School System extremely well at the recent Griffin RESA Regional Science Fair held in Griffin, Georgia, as twenty-six seventh and eighth graders came home with either first, second, or third place awards. The students competed against students from Fayette, Henry, Griffin-Spalding, Butts, Pike, Lamar, and Thomaston Upson county schools.

“During the fair, students have the opportunity to interact with many college professors and specialists within their fields as they defend their projects,” said Vicki Meeler, Quest Department Chair at Indian Creek Middle School. “That’s why we continue to participate in the science fair year after year. It’s a rare and unique opportunity for our kids to be able to conduct and defend their own original research. It’s where science meets the real world.”

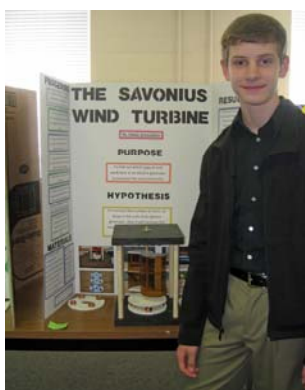
The following is a list of all Newton County School System winners along with their project titles:

STUDENT	DIVISION	AWARD	PROJECT
Ben Hayes	Biological Science	First Place	<i>“Using Green Cleaning Agents to Remove Stains”</i>
Vitaliy Semenikhin	Physical Science	First Place	<i>“The Savonius Wind Turbine”</i>
Quin Murphy	Physical Science	First Place	<i>“Magnet Size vs. Strength in a Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine”</i>
Abby Betts & Maggie Berry	Biological Science	First Place	<i>“Do You Measure Up?”</i>
Jacob Emerson	Physical Science	First Place	<i>“Attack!”</i>
Tymbre Manning & Consuelo Knepper	Biological Science	Second Place	<i>“Color Confusion”</i>
Caitlin Smith	Biological Science	Second Place	<i>“Wii Games and Heart Rate”</i>
Samantha Thompson	Biological Science	Second Place	<i>“Ripen it Up”</i>
Hayli Massey	Biological Science	Second Place	<i>“Can You Teach a Dog How to Spell?”</i>
Evan House	Physical Science	Second Place	<i>“Which Firework Company Gives You More Bang for Your Buck?”</i>
Chris Holland	Physical Science	Second Place	<i>“Houston, We Have Liftoff!”</i>
Zachary Chambers	Biological Science	Second Place	<i>“Urban Heat Island Effect”</i>

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Kolyse Wagstaff	Biological Science	Second Place	<i>"How H₂O₂ Affects the Rooting of Plant Cuttings and Seed Germination"</i>
Tyler Dysart	Physical Science	Second Place	<i>"Electrolysis: Rust Removal"</i>
Havana Knepper & Madison Long	Physical Science	Third Place	<i>"Up, Up Away My Beautiful Balloon"</i>
Blake Johnson	Biological Science	Third Place	<i>"How Does NaCl Affect Seed Germination"</i>
Destiny Ralston & Courtney Draper	Biological Science	Third Place	<i>"Dried Grapes, Eh?"</i>
Ryan Johnston & Daniel Hill	Biological Science	Third Place	<i>"One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Dead Fish"</i>
Joey Evans & Andrew Biagi	Physical Science	Third Place	<i>"Come Sail Away Us"</i>
Carina Barreto	Biological Science	Third Place	<i>"DNA in Your Food"</i>

All first place winners will proceed to the state science fair in April at the University of Georgia campus in Athens.

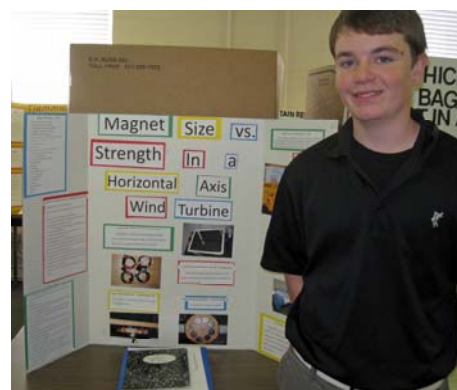
"We are very proud of our students' performance in the regional science fair," said Ms. Samantha Fuhrey. "They represented Indian Creek and Newton County School System very well. To have so many students win awards at the regional science fair is indicative of the high standards and rigor of the science program at Indian Creek. The students worked very hard and did extensive research for their projects and they are to be commended for a job well done!"



Vitaliy Semenikhin won 1st place honors in the biological science category for his project, "The Savonius Wind Turbine."



Maggie Berry and her partner, Abby Betts (not pictured) also won a first place award in the biological science category for their project, "Do You Measure Up?"



Quin Murphy brought home a first place award in the Physical Science category for his project, "Magnet Size vs Strength in a Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine."

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