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**LITERACY DAYS POETRY RECITATION, READY WRITING,
AND DRAMA WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

The Newton County School System is pleased to announce the winners of the 2010-2011 District Literacy Days Recitation, Drama, and Ready Writing Competition.

Each middle school held poetry competitions at school and sent their grade level winners to participate in the county recitation contest. Competitors were judged on a number of criteria in the poetry recitation contest, including stage presence, articulation, interpretation, memory and accuracy, and difficulty of the piece.

SYSTEM RECITATION CONTEST WINNERS

This year, Veterans Memorial Middle School swept the recitation contest, with winners in all three grade levels: **Hannah Hinton**, sixth grade, "*Daddy's Poem*"; **Emma Golden**, seventh grade, "*Oh, the Places We Will Go*"; and **David Croone**, eighth grade, "*Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf*." Each winner will go on to represent the district in the regional competition at Griffin RESA on Thursday, February 3, 2011.

Pictured (l -r): **Hannah Hinton**, **Emma Golden**, and **David Croone**.



SYSTEM READY WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS

In the Ready Writing competition, middle school grade-level champions were given a writing prompt and one hour to complete their essays. Cousins Middle had a very strong showing in this competition, with winners in two of the three grade levels: **Deborah Boss**, sixth grade; and **Brittany Webb**, eighth grade. **Kai Patterson** of Liberty Middle School won the seventh grade competition. All three will now move on to the regional competition at Griffin RESA on February 3, 2011.

Pictured (l -r): **Deborah Boss**, **Kai Patterson**, and **Brittany Webb**.



SYSTEM DRAMA TEAM WINNERS

The Veterans Memorial Middle School drama team's presentation of "*Baking a Cake*" took top honors in the drama competition. Team participants included: **Topanga Bailey, Kya Walker, Tanique McDonald, Dora Flynn, Precious Buddington, Madison Beasley, William Bradford,** and **David Croone**. The team will now move on to the regional competition at Griffin RESA on Thursday, February 3, 2011.

Pictured (l-r): (top row) **Madison Beasley, Tanique McDonald, Topanga Bailey, William Bradford,** and **Kya Walker**. (bottom row) **Dora Flynn, Precious Buddington,** and **David Croone**.



"I'm very proud of all the students who participated both in the school and county competitions," said Mrs. Samantha Fuhrey, Director of Secondary Curriculum. "Each and every one of these students is a winner for volunteering to participate in these activities. I congratulate all of the students who won at the county competition and look forward to seeing them participate in the regional competition in Griffin in February. I know they will represent our school system well."

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