

December 9, 2011

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

The Newton County School System is pleased to announce the winners of the 2011-2012 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

Molly Graham from the Newton County Theme School at Ficquett won the sixth grade competition with her interpretation of Rudyard Kipling's poem, "If." Liberty Middle School student, **Nneka Onyekwuluje** won the seventh grade competition with her performance of Jamie McKenzie's poem, "Standing Tall." In the eighth grade competition, **Destiny Christian** of Veterans Memorial Middle School took home first place honors with her recitation of the Roald Dahl poem, "Cinderella." Each winner will go on to represent the district in the regional competition at Griffin RESA on Thursday, February 9, 2012.



(L_R): Molly Graham, Nneka Onyekwuluje, and Destiny Christian.

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. **Alexander Lowe**, a sixth grader at the Newton County Theme School at Ficquett won first place honors in the sixth grade competition and **Kellynn Beasley** of Veterans Memorial Middle School took home the first place award in the seventh grade competition. Liberty Middle School student **Kai Patterson** won top honors in the eighth grade contest. All three will now move on to the regional competition at Griffin RESA on Thursday, February 9, 2012.



(L-R): Alexander Lowe, Kellynn Beasley, and Kai Patterson.

SYSTEM DRAMA TEAM WINNERS

In addition to having a champion in both the Poetry Recitation Contest and the Ready Writing Contest, Liberty Middle School's drama team took home the champion's trophy for its presentation, "Bullying". Team participants included: **Alexis Cole, Faith Bumford, Yoseli Estrada, Moriah Barnes, Tahj Hairston, and Alexia Shepherd**. The team will now move on to the regional competition at Griffin RESA on Thursday, February 9, 2012.



(L-R): Alexis Cole, Tahj Hairston, Faith Bumford, Yoseli Estrada, Moriah Barnes, and Alexia Shephard.

"I'm very proud of all the students who participated both in the school and county competitions," said Mrs. Samantha Fuhrey, Executive Director for Secondary Schools. "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."

For more information, contact the Newton County School System Public Relations Department at 770-784-2908.
