

East student photographer scores big in PTA Reflections contest

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On the walls in the conference room where the Jan. 25 Farmington Board of Education meeting took place were concrete examples of how creative many students in the district can be.

There were essays, photos, drawings and even songwriting, all done by youngsters in grades K-8, and all of them top entries in the Farmington schools District PTA Reflections contest. This year's theme was "Anything is Possible."

Winning an award in just about every category was East Middle School student Caroline Coleman. She won first place in the literature and photography categories for grades 6-8, as well as second place in the musical composition category. She also picked up a third place award in the photography category. (East was the only district middle school to compete in grades 6-8, because it is the only one to belong to the national PTA.)

Before the winning students were introduced to the board, where they picked up their awards, district PTA council president Janet Holm congratulated parents and teachers, for encouraging, supporting and working with the children; and volunteers, who worked as judges in the contest.

Following the presentation of awards, school board Trustee Linda Enberg noted the "wonderful age range represented here." She added that it isn't insurmountable for a first or second grader to write songs or stories. "They can."

Superintendent Bob Maxfield commented to the many parents in the audience at the Farmington Training Center that "as your kid comes before the board to be recognized, I dare say this is not the last time."

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Literature

Grades K-2: first place, Aarushi Suneja, Wood Creek Elementary; second place, Nathan Hall, Hillside Elementary; third place, Makayla McCoskey, Kenbrook Elementary.

Grades 3-5: first place, Samantha Judd, Flanders Elementary; second place, Timothy O'Connor, GH Elementary School; third place, Melissa Nestor, Kenbrook Elementary.

Grades 6-8: first place, Caroline Coleman, East Middle School; second place, Jennifer Chen, East Middle School; third place, Brian Ziegler, East Middle School.

Visual Arts

Grades K-2: first place, Robert Justice, Hillside Elementary; second place, Garrett Pelowski, Highmeadow Common Campus; third place, Mark Tausch, Kenbrook Elementary.

Grades 3-5: first place, Matthew Bailey, Beechview Elementary; second place, Charles Oppert, Eagle Elementary; third place, Jakob Mrozewski, Highmeadow Common Campus.

Grades 6-8: first place, Jennifer Chen, East Middle School; second place, Nako Mashimo, East Middle School; third place, Grace Demers, East Middle School.

Photography

Grades K-2: first place, Matthew Gutknecht, Longacre Elementary; second place, Abigail Heath, Longacre Elementary; third place, Bryce Boyer, Hillside Elementary; honorable mention, Matt Whelan, Highmeadow Common Campus.



Caroline Coleman

Grades 3-5: first place, Baratt Shanaman, Highmeadow Common Campus; second place, Michael Totrick, Eagle Elementary; third place, Deidre Ratliff, Longacre Elementary.

Grades 6-8: first place, Caroline Coleman, East Middle School; second place, Cassandra Cook, East Middle School; third place, Caroline Coleman, East Middle School.

Musical composition

Grades K-2: first place, Lauren Sparschu, Hillside Elementary; second place, Abigail Heath, Longacre Elementary; third place, Alyssa MacDonald, Highmeadow Common Campus.

Grades 3-5: first place, Robert Coleman, Highmeadow Common Campus; second place, Dakota Hadfield, Wood Creek Elementary; third place, Alyssa Ried, Wood Creek Elementary.

Grades 6-8: first place, David Koch, East Middle School; second place, Caroline Coleman, East Middle School; third place, Melissa Butman, East Middle School.

The board meeting was held at FTC to accommodate the large audience for the awards ceremony. Meetings usually take place at the Lewis Schulman Administrative Center.



Winning photographs: Photos snapped by East Middle School student Caroline Coleman won two of her four awards in the Farmington schools PTA Reflections contest. Above left is the first-place entry, titled "Anything is Possible With a Friend." At right is her third-place photo, "Anything is Possible When You Make Believe." East student Cassandra Cook captured the second-place photo award in the Grades 6-8 category.

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