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# Newspaper-in-Education Week Contest Winners

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers would like to thank the students, teachers and sponsors who contributed to the success of our First Annual Newspapers in Education Contest!

## Category 1 EDITORIAL—Write a brief editorial about something good that is Winners: going on in your school or your community

1st PLACE 4th - 5th Grade

**Anna Cao**  
Wattles Elementary, Troy

Wattles students really know the true meaning of Christmas, which is giving to others. This year kindergarten, first and second graders collected hats and mittens. These items will help keep the students warm this winter at White Elementary School in Detroit. Wildcat third, fourth and fifth graders were not left out of the giving spirit, they collected unwrapped toys. These toys were then donated to the Toys for Tots organization. We are very proud to report that many children will have a happier holiday due to the generosity of students at Wattles Elementary.

1st PLACE 7th - 9th Grade

**Kareem Alazon**  
Berkshire Middle School, Franklin

I think the mentor program here at Berkshire Middle School is an outstanding thing and is very helpful to many students. It helps many children looking toward their future get a feel for the subjects or fields they are interested in. It could give students a strong background of their interests and they could apply this to their everyday lives. The mentor could give the students real experience with the field trips, and projects done in each group to greatly benefit the students involved. This mentorship program should always be a part of this middle school and keep up its great affect.

1st PLACE 10th - 12th Grade

**Kyle Washer**  
Farmington High School, Farmington

For those who don't know, Grant Riddell is the Head Groundskeeper at Farmington High School. Grant doesn't let his line of duties stop when he walks in the doors of FHS. Spend a day at FHS and you'll realize what Grant does not only for the beauty of FHS' grounds but all that he is willing to do for each and every one of the students.

You may have read articles about Grant volunteering his time to speak to history classes where he brings the Vietnam War to life. His passion for the students doesn't stop there either. Grant involves himself with students every day. He may do this in little discrete ways, but it is a true morale booster. On any given day you may see Grant give a kind "Hello Young Fellow," or "How are you today." Another time you may see Grant pull a young man aside and tell him the latest joke. These comments or jokes find their way into the student's hearts and help them get a little skip in their step. Grant is more than a Groundskeeper to the FHS students, he is a friend.

Honorable Mention 4th-6th Grade

**Dylan Kartzecki**  
Vandenberg Elementary School, Wayne

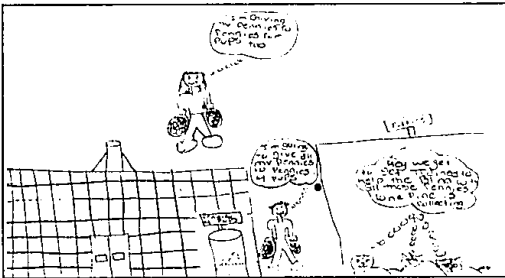
Honorable Mention 7th-9th Grade

**Rupal Patel**  
Berkshire Middle School, Franklin

Honorable Mention 10th-12th Grade

**Allison Pienkowski**  
Garden City High School, Garden City

## Category 2 EDITORIAL CARTOONIST—Express your school spirit through your artistic Winners: abilities by drawing and captioning an editorial cartoon about it

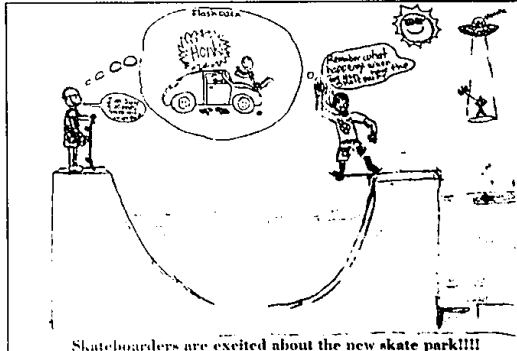


At Lone Pine we're doing something called Pennies for PUPS. It's a fundraiser to raise money to train puppies to help the blind.

1st PLACE 4th-5th Grade

**Allison Rein**

West Hills Middle School, West Bloomfield



Skateboarders are excited about the new skate park!!!!

1st PLACE 7th-9th Grade

**Steve Scully**

Boulton Park Middle School, Troy

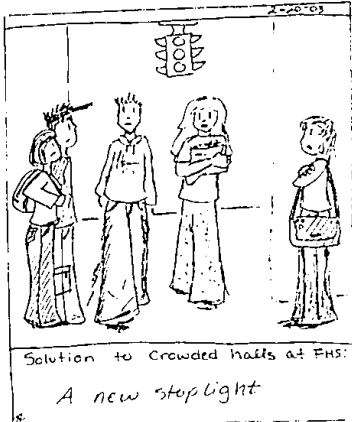
Honorable Mention  
4th-6th Grade

**Chorey Stewart**  
Vandenberg Elementary School, Wayne

Honorable Mention  
7th-9th Grade

**Allen Shu**  
Boulton Park Middle School, Troy

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1st PLACE 10th - 12th Grade

**Alicia L. Polk**

Farmington High School, Farmington

First Place winners in each category will receive a certificate of award in addition to four movie passes.

Honorable Mention winners will receive a certificate of award.

On Sunday look for winners of The Observer & Eccentric Newspaper in Education Week winners of the photographer and reporter categories of the contest.



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