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WVEA announces “Read Across West Virginia” Postcard Contest Winners

In honor of Dr. Seuss’ 106th birthday and in conjunction with NEA’s Read Across America.” Forty-six students have been named winners in the West Virginia Education Association’s annual “Read Across West Virginia” postcard contest. Educators across the country participated in events held on or before March 2, 2010, which were designed to get children excited about reading, promote student achievement and provide information to parents on the importance of reading.

“Promoting reading and literacy is a year-round emphasis for West Virginia educators,” said WVEA President Dale Lee. “Dr. Seuss’ birthday provides an excellent opportunity to get our children reading and be part of a nationwide campaign.”

“We appreciate the efforts made by our teachers and students to participate in the contest,” states Lee. “I understand the weather hampered many counties from participating this year. I look forward to next years contest.”

The postcard contest, coordinated by the WVEA Public Relations Committee and open to students in grades K-12 who are enrolled in West Virginia public schools, had more than 1,000 entries. Winners were selected on the basis of originality, visual appeal and consistency with the theme, “Read Across West Virginia.” Overall contest winners were selected in each of the following groups:

STATEWIDE WINNERS

Grades 9-12

Joshua Harless, Lincoln County High School, *Lincoln County*

Grades 6-8

Morgan Goff, Weir Middle School, *Hancock County*

Grades 3-5

Cody Nixon, Springfield-Green Spring Elementary, *Hampshire County*

Grades Kindergarten-Grade 2

Marah Francis, Berkeley Heights Elementary, *Berkeley County*

COUNTY WINNERS TO FOLLOW...

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County Winners – Kindergarten-Grade 2

- Marah Francis, Berkeley Heights Elementary, *Berkeley County*
- Olivia Cipoletti, Franklin Primary School, *Brooke County*
- Jaia’nicko Wright, Central City Elementary, *Cabell County*
- Rhiannon Paris, New Manchester Elementary, *Hancock County*
- Brooke Dingus, East Hardy Early Middle, *Hardy County*
- Kai Hanson, Co-Winner, TA Lowery Elementary, *Jefferson County*
- Nicholas Moore, Co-Winner, TA Lowery Elementary School, *Jefferson County*
- Alexis Collins, Grandview Elementary, *Kanawha County*
- Kiersten May, West Hamlin Elementary, *Lincoln County*
- Josie Hill, Beale Elementary, *Mason County*
- Kelsey Pettit, Ridgedale Elementary, *Monongalia County*
- Issac Starcher, Co-Winner, Reedy Elementary, *Roane County*
- Isabelle Black, Co-Winner, Reedy Elementary, *Roane County*

County Winners – Grades 3-5

- Daniel Snider, Philippi Elementary, *Barbour County*
- Cassidy Barbee, Mt. Ridge Intermediate School, *Berkeley County*
- Garrett Pauls, Franklin Primary School, *Brooke County*
- Arianna Hedrick, Central City Elementary, *Cabell County*
- Cody Nixon, Springfield-Green Spring Elementary, *Hampshire County*
- Hailey Seamon, Weir Middle School, *Hancock County*
- Ciera Riggelman, East Hardy Early Middle, *Hardy County*
- Ryan Wratchford, Ravenswood Grade School, *Jackson County*
- Sarah Glenn, TA Lowery Elementary, *Jefferson County*
- Nathan Lambert, Holz Elementary, *Kanawha County*
- Karah Alberts, West Hamlin Elementary, *Lincoln County*
- Samantha Birchfield, Beale Elementary, *Mason County*
- Joshue K. Fringley, Brookhaven Elementary, *Monongalia County*
- Bree Fleming, Co-Winner, Reedy Elementary, *Roane County*
- Royce Tanner, Co-Winner, Reedy Elementary, *Roane County*
- Sydney Moore, Tucker Valley Elementary/Middle School, *Tucker County*
- Tyson Graham, Blennerhassett Elementary, *Wood County*

County Winners – Grades 6-8

- Patrick Fortney, Belington Middle School, *Barbour County*
- Emily Eggleton, Musselman Middle, *Berkeley County*
- Morgan Goff, Weir Middle School, *Hancock County*
- Ian Im, Co-Winner, East Hardy Early Middle, *Hardy County*
- Emily Delowder, Co-Winner, East Hardy Early Middle, *Hardy County*
- Whitney McKaye Johnson, Hayes Middle School, *Kanawha County*
- Shalyn Greer, Wahama High School, *Mason County*
- Elizabeth Herrick, Suncrest Middle School, *Monongalia County*
- Kahelena Giltner, Reedy Elementary School, *Roane County*
- Tereaza Stull, Tucker Valley Elementary/Middle School, *Tucker County*
- Emily Brumfield, Jackson Middle School, *Wood County*

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County Winners: Grades 9-12

- Jamie Woodward, Musselman High School, *Berkeley County*
- Lara Basye, East Hardy High School, *Hardy County*
- Zeke Freshour, Ripley High School, *Jackson County*
- Joshua Harless, Lincoln County High School, *Lincoln County*
- Courtney Hudson, Point Pleasant Jr/Sr High School, *Mason County*

The West Virginia Education Association is the state’s largest teachers organization. It is an affiliate of the National Education Association (NEA), the nation’s largest professional employee organization representing more than 3.5 million elementary and secondary teachers, higher education faculty, education support professionals, school administrators, retired educators and students preparing to become teachers.

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