

District Recognitions

May 23, 2017

2017 Living River of Words Youth Poetry and Art Contest

Tonight we honor our students who participated in the *“Living River of Words”* youth poetry and art contest sponsored by Pima County. Students ages 5 to 19 participate in this yearly contest. Students study watersheds and wetland habitats through a series of science investigations and through poetry and visual arts. It’s a wonderful collaboration!

First we’d like to recognize the Living River teacher of the year---**Ms. Kevan Kiser-Chuc from Maxwell K-8**—come on up!

Next we want to honor our grand prize winner in art, 15-year old **Bianey Franco** of Tucson High Magnet School for her painting—Sluggish Bugs. Her artwork made the cover! Come on up!

From Borton Magnet Elementary School another grand prize winner---**Mathilda Hand!** Congratulations—come on up!

We have many more winners in art and poetry to honor as well, please come on up!

Ochoa Elementary Magnet School: **Damaris Gallego, Sariyah Parham, Amaya Preciado**

Borton Magnet Elementary: **Willa Barron-Gafford, Ghazaul Dickson, Amira Dolan, Ximena Ojeda**

Tucson High Magnet School: **Chris Santos, Elara Wallenmeyer**

Sewell Elementary: **Estevan Moreno, Annabelle Vasquez**

Wheeler Elementary School: **Emmani Middleton**

Palo Verde High Magnet School: **Hannah Arocha**

Maxwell K-8: **Paulina Cancio, Elany Favela, Amerie Gaytan, Omar Sotelo**

Great work students!

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We also have several **Mission View Elementary** students to honor for their poetic talents. Mission View participated in the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum Earth Day Poetry contest. Students in grades kinder through 6th wrote poems about the Sonoran Desert. Poems included themes such as how the desert is their home, animals, plants, the landscape, observations, feelings, hopes – whatever was important to the student.

The 1st Place and overall winner was **Juaquin Anzinger** who is in kindergarten. Juaquin's win entitled his school to receive a live animal outreach program visit! Here are more winners:

3rd Place: **Angelina Zambrano**, 1st Grade

3rd Place (tied): **Chase Narcho**, 2nd Grade

Honorable Mention: **Gabriel Barrientos**, 1st Grade

Honorable Mention: **Cecilia Robles**, 2nd Grade

Honorable Mention: **Samantha Acuna**, 5th Grade

We're so proud of our students!

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