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Winning posters promote seat belt usage among children

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The Alabama Department of Public Health announces the winners in its Buckle-Up, Alabama! Traffic Safety Poster Contest for 2005, an event designed to promote consistent seat belt usage among elementary school children. Students throughout Alabama in grades kindergarten through six were encouraged to create original artwork that emphasized the importance of buckling-up.

The Buckle-Up contest consists of two levels. Participating schools host a contest to select first place winners for each grade level. These winning entries were then sent to the health department to be judged by employees of the Bureau of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease.

First and second place winners at the state level were awarded a U.S. Savings Bond, with first place winners receiving a \$100 bond and second place winners receiving a \$50 bond. These winners as well as those receiving honorable mention, were awarded certificates of recognition. Additionally, the winning entries are featured in a coloring book that will be used throughout Alabama to educate young children about the importance of buckling-up each and every time that they ride in a vehicle.

The 2005 Buckle-Up, Alabama! contest winners are as follows:

Kindergarten:

1st Kayla Ford
Garywood Christian School
Hueytown, Ala.

2nd Cole Brown
Trinity Presbyterian School
Montgomery, Ala.

Honorable Mention:

Siera McWaters
Boaz Elementary School
Boaz, Ala.

1st Grade:

1st Scout Alexander
Crestline Elementary School
Hartselle, Ala.

2nd Courtni Smith
Union Springs Elementary School
Union Springs, Ala.

Honorable Mention:

Alexia Williams
Union Springs Elementary School
Union Springs, Ala.
and
Jordan Weaver
Calcedeaver Elementary School
Mount Vernon, Ala.

2ndGrade:

1st Rachel Mitchell
Edgewood Academy
Elmore, Ala.

2nd Carrington Cole
Trinity Presbyterian School
Montgomery, Ala.

Honorable Mention:

Kayla Hull
Prattville Christian Academy
Prattville, Ala.
and
Joseph Williams
Prattville Christian Academy
Prattville, Ala.

3rd Grade:

1st Benjamin Brocato
McBride Elementary School
Muscle Shoals, Ala.

2nd Caleb Smith
Monroe Academy
Monroeville, Ala.

Honorable Mention:

Katie Gray Carlson
Trinity Presbyterian School
Montgomery, Ala.
and
Nicholas Certain

Mountain Gap Elementary School
Huntsville, Ala.

4th Grade:

1st Aariana Bolar
Jonesboro Elementary School
Bessemer, Ala.

2nd Devin McClure
Harvest Elementary School
Harvest, Ala.

Honorable Mention:

Molly Catherine Brown
Trinity Presbyterian School
Montgomery, Ala.

and

Austin Parrish
Thomasville Elementary School
Thomasville, Ala.

and

Ebony Tolbert
Jonesboro Elementary School
Bessemer, Ala.

5th Grade:

1st John Tomanio
Harvest Elementary School
Harvest, Ala.

2nd Chelsea Childs
Ashford Elementary School
Ashford, AL

Honorable Mention:

Lauren Kendrick
Trinity Presbyterian School
Montgomery, AL

and

Pascual Pablo
Westbrook Christian School
Rainbow City, AL

6th Grade:

1st Ashtyne Cole
Trinity Presbyterian School
Montgomery, AL

2nd Chasity Richards
Westbrook Christian School
Rainbow City, Ala.

Honorable Mention:

Sally Matlock
Sparta Academy
Evergreen, Ala.

and

Lexi Meyer
West Alabama Preparatory School
Demopolis, Ala.

and

Jamie Sikes
Southern Choctaw Elementary School
Gilbertown, Ala.

The Buckle-Up! Alabama poster contest is made possible by a grant from the Law Enforcement and Traffic Safety Division of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. Awards given with this contest are made available by businesses and organizations committed to the safety of Alabama's children. These include the Alabama Head Injury Foundation, ALFA Insurance, the Alabama Department of Transportation, and the Alabama SAFE KIDS Coalition.

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