

DCES presents year-end awards

Comet staff report

Delphi Community Elementary School presented awards to students for their efforts this school year. Recipients were as follows:

Library awards

Top Ten Readers accumulated between 599 and 1,305 points each while reading many of the 42,301 books read by students this year. The top three readers received a certificate and trophy. Top ten, listed most books read to least, were Taylor Nacke, Quincy Adams, Zoey Green, Dacota Shockley, Cody Stern, Symphony Kirkpatrick, Emily Kender, Chandler Underwood, Luke Yoder and

Kyleigh Redmond.

Young Hoosier Book Award winners were presented a certificate and medallion. They were, from first to eighth: Aubrey Boggs, Miranda Edwards, Zoey Green, Emily Kender, Tyler Kinzer, Taylor Nacke, Jarek Perry and Phillip Wood.

Perfect attendance

Perfect attendance was attained by the following students: Mary Dresser, Cody Stern, Katlyn Burkhart, Tony Hernandez, Cari Pelka, Marisa Griffey, Travis Claiborne, Isaias Cervantes, Mason Lane, Jarek Perry, Joshua Simons, Aldo Guadarrama and William Tucker Trapp.

Excellence in Art Awards

Excellence in Art Awards were presented to fifth grade visual

arts students who achieved outstanding results in their project work within the studio of the art classroom. Recognition was given to: Jeremy Holmes-Bear, Diana Bowen, Bryanna Calloni, Isaias Cervantes, Yesenia Diaz, Megan Erskin, Pedro Flores, Olivia Haines, Tony Hernandez, Melanie Johns, Emily Kender, Tyler Kinzer, Michael Noonkester, Jarek Perry, Mikayla Powlen, Blake Peters, Abigail Price, Wyatt Rumell, Zachary Taylor, Carly Watley and Devin Wolf.

ICTM awards

The Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics sponsored awards to students who participated in MATH Bowl and whose NWEA was 240 or above. Recipients were: William Tucker Trapp,

Elliot Atkinson, Christina McCarty, Adam Shanks, Tanner Watson and Kolt Kinsler.

Student Council certificates

Fifth grade students who received Student Council certificates were Tyler Arion, Elliot Atkinson, Zoey Green, Taylor Nacke, Brianna Calloni, Christina McCarty, Carley Watley, Adam Zink, Addie Bradshaw, Yesenia Diaz, Josh Gillam, Kolt Kinsler, Payton Flora, Charlie Holliday, Jarek Perry, Wyatt Rumell, Diana Bowen, Caydence McClain, Abigail Price, William Tucker Trapp and Conner Whitaker.

Lilly Scholarship

Bryanna Calloni and Samantha Lanum.

Academic Honors Gold

Elliott Atkinson, Garrett Bean, Devin Wolf, Taylor Nacke, Zoey Green, Samantha Lanum, Adam Shanks, Baylee Richard, Christina McCarty, Bryanna Calloni, Carley Watley, Tanner Watson, Adam Zink, Jordan Willis, Brenton Hawn, Emily Kender, Kolt Kinsler, Tyler Kinzer, Ostin Clark, Mason Lane, Jarek Perry, Hannah Napier, Amanda McCormick, Abigail Price, William Tucker Trapp, Conner Whitaker,

Hillary Cripe, Lawrence Jones, Caydence McClain and Tyler Ross.

Educational Achievement Silver

Kelsee Conner, Hayden Crawford, Rosalba Montes, Mikayla Powlen, Cody Stern, Chandler Underhill, Josh Breedlove, Aldo Guadarrama, Megan Erskins, Haley Sales, Bailey Harris, Paula Everett, Joshua Gillam, Jeffrey Swisher, Travis Claiborne, Payton Flora, Brayton Slifer, Mason Gray, Carl Christiansen, Melanie Johns, Shyan Collier, Courtney Brown, Sharon Campbell, Christian Cediell and Jeremy Holmes-Bear.

'Catch the Reading Bug'



Up close and personal

Dylan Spesard takes a close look at a Madagascar cockroach at the Purdue Bug in a Bag program at the Flora Public Library. At the end of the program, children could touch and hold the insects. Prof. Alan York of the Purdue Dept. of Entomology gave the children strict rules: "Do not drop my insects. Do not step on my insects. Do not eat my insects." The informational bug show was part of the library's summer reading program, "Catch the Reading Bug." Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald



Bug expert

Prof. Alan York from the Purdue Dept. of Entomology presented an entertaining program on insects to children in Flora Public Library's summer reading program. Although he looks like he's about to eat this curled up millipede, he was actually telling kids, "If it doesn't smell good, don't eat it." Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald



Making friends with a millipede

While some people think insects are creepy, Prof. Alan York of the Purdue Dept. of Entomology says insects are "cute, sweet, and lovable." He brought insects for "show and tell" at the Flora Public Library. Hunter Clark, a member of the summer reading program, appears "tickled" with this millipede. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald



Signatures are space bound

During their last week of school, students at Delphi Community Elementary School signed a poster that will make its way into space with a NASA crew. This is part of the *Student Signatures in Space* program sponsored by NASA and Lockheed Martin. Photo provided

Delphi elementary celebrates Space Day 2008 with Student Signatures in Space®

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Students at Delphi Community Elementary School joined more than 500 other schools around the world by signing *Student Signatures in Space®* posters to celebrate "Space Day 2008!"

Student Signatures in Space (S3) provides elementary and middle school students the opportunity to send their digitized signatures into space and feel a personal involvement with the crew and the mission. Jointly sponsored by NASA and Lockheed Martin, S3 is one program of the award-winning Space Day educational initiative.

"Our goal with *Student Signatures in Space* is to spark kids' interest in technical studies by giving them a personal connection to the space program," said Barbara Reinike,

Space Day program manager for Lockheed Martin. "Classes usually follow their signatures mission together from launch to landing, so it really piques the students' interest in the whole process."

When informing the students about signing the poster, many students became excited about the prospect of a piece of them being in space commented principal Bill Shidler.

After the signatures return from space, the poster will be returned for permanent display to Delphi Community Elementary School along with a flight certificate and picture of the crew that carried the signatures into space.

Since the program began in 1997, nearly 4.5 million students have participated in *Student Signatures in Space*. There is no cost to schools to

participate. However, because of space constraints on each mission, participation is limited to approximately 500 schools each year.



Recycling is high priority at DCES



Due to the diligence of two students and their parents, Delphi Community Elementary School has become a "little greener" in its efforts to encourage responsibility to the planet. Recently, Madison Hodge and Lacie Tomson worked together and submitted a grant proposal for recycling bins to place around the elementary school. After reviewing the grant applications, representatives from the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District decided to fund the grant and help the students and adults of DCES with their recycling efforts. Currently, the school's student council members collect paper to recycle every week while the entire school makes efforts to recycle cell phones and ink cartridges. "With our new recycling centers, our school community has more accessibility to recycling cans and plastic bottles," commented DCES Principal Bill Shidler. Photo provided