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BCPS Grade 3 students honored for their fire prevention posters

Towson, MD – Five students from Glyndon, Fifth District, and Sparks elementary schools were named winners in Baltimore County's 2021 Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest, and another 24 students from across the county received honorable mention recognition.

The winning students are:

- 1st Place – Nathan Galotta, Fifth District Elementary School
- 2nd Place – Vera Yantsen, Sparks Elementary School
- 3rd Place – Ivy Eskridge, Sparks Elementary School
- 4th Place – Alyssa Walker, Glyndon Elementary School
- 5th Place – Joseph Flores, Glyndon Elementary School

The poster contest is held each fall and asks Grade 3 students to illustrate the year's National Fire Prevention Week theme. The 2021 theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety," focused on educating the community about the various sounds smoke detectors can make and how to respond to each sound. Baltimore County Fire Department members judged the poster submissions based on quality and how well they illustrated the theme.

The top five winners received cash prizes donated by the Baltimore County Professional Fire Fighters Association, Local 1311, and the Baltimore County Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

The following students earned honorable mentions:

- Naomi Berth, Summit Park Elementary School
- Jada Bond, Red House Run Elementary School
- Natasha Castillo, Warren Elementary School

Rachel Garcia Chacon, Red House Run Elementary School
Harper Costantino, Joppaview Elementary School
Aubree Cornish, Victory Villa Elementary School
Aviana Cortes, Joppaview Elementary School
Jayceon Daly, Hawthorne Elementary School
Dylan Hirsch, Lutherville Lab Elementary School
Gigi Huntington, Fifth District Elementary School
Isabella Johnson, Glenmar Elementary School
Betsy Karanja, Joppaview Elementary School
Amelia Hope Karpers, Pleasant Plains Elementary School
Stephanie Hernandez Noguera, Owings Mills Elementary School
Mason Morris, Bedford Elementary School
Ali Noor, Joppaview Elementary School
Brooke Ovieda, Summit Park Elementary School
Emily Ramos, Warren Elementary School
Wylie Sax, Lutherville Lab Elementary School
Lyla Shupert, Fifth District Elementary School
Bertha Sule, Victory Villa Elementary School
Ania Taylor, Bedford Elementary School
Hanna Vainer, Summit Park Elementary School
Macie Wagner, Glyndon Elementary School

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