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## **19<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ANNUAL LAW DAY WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

To celebrate Law Day, grade school and junior high school children throughout the County participated in coloring and essay contests sponsored by the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. The Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit honored the winners in a virtual ceremony. Next year the annual high school courthouse tour and the in-person award ceremony will return to the Law Day event.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day as a day of national dedication to the principles of government. In 1961, by a joint Congressional resolution, May 1st was designated as the official date for celebrating Law Day in the U.S.

This year's theme was "Advancing the Rule of Law Now." The rule of law is the bedrock of American rights and liberties - in times of calm and unrest alike. This year's theme reminds all of us that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice. The rule of law is a set of principles, or ideals, for ensuring an orderly and just society. Many countries throughout the world strive to uphold the rule of law where no one is above the law, everyone is treated equally under the law, everyone is held accountable to the same laws, there are clear and fair processes for enforcing the laws, there is an independent judiciary, and human rights are guaranteed for all.

First, second, and third place winners in kindergarten through eighth grade are being recognized for their winning entries in the various Law Day contests: illustration, coloring, poster, and essay. The students will be notified, and certificates of achievement and a gift card donated by the Lake County Bar Foundation will be mailed to each winner.

Our Law Day 2021 contest winners were:

- Kindergarten:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Alejandro Xirnia, Gurnee Christian Academy, Mrs. Viclar's class
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Nikolas Castaneda, Gurnee Christian Academy, Mrs. Viclar's class
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Royce Harris, Gurnee Christian Academy, Mrs. Viclar's class
- First Grade:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ariana Slater, Woodland Elementary East, Ms. Willinski's class
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kiersten Schroeder, Woodland Elementary East, Ms. Willinski's class
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Navraj Singh, Woodland Elementary East, Ms. Willinski's class
- Second Grade:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Maddie Paul, Woodland Elementary East, Ms. Willinski's class
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Valeria Reyes-Horihuela, Woodland Elementary East, Ms. Willinski's class
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ellie Smith, St. Patrick's School, Ms. McCue's class
- Third Grade:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jayna Villanueva, St. Patrick's School, Ms. Uko's class
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Sora Chamnankit, Oak Grove School, Ms. Tromotola's class
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Erin Bone, Woodland Elementary East, Ms. Wilinski's class
- Fourth Grade:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Charlie Corder, St. Patrick School, Ms. Dziki's class
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Mattias Casallas, Gurnee Christian Academy, Mrs. Lindsey's class
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Samantha Sancen, Gurnee Christian Academy, Mrs. Lindsey's class
- Fifth Grade:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Lillian Solomon, Kildeer Countryside Elementary, Ms. Wlodek's class
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Valerie Cardona, Gurnee Christian Academy, Mrs. Baun's class
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Annabelle Burgart, St. Patrick's School, Ms. Laura Parduhn's class
- Sixth Grade:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Miley Oliva, Gurnee Christian Academy, Mrs. Baun's class
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Gadiel Suruy, Gurnee Christian Academy, Mrs. Baun's class
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jose Mendez, Gurnee Christian Academy, Mrs. Baun's class
- Seventh Grade:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Veronica Jia, Daniel Wright Junior High, Mr. Hafner's class
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Janelle Tezzo, St. Patrick School, Ms. Mieczynski's class
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Colette Marie Winandy, St. Patrick's School, Ms. Meikczynski's class
- Eighth Grade:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sophia Jose, St. Patrick's School, Ms. Meikczynski's class
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Emma Lee Luff, Jack Benny Middle School, Mr. Turner's class
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Alyssa Rodrigo, Our Lady of Humility, Ms. Spangle's class
- Illustration Contest:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Cailyn Yan, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Woodlawn Middle School, Mr. Martin's class

Lake County students, thank you for your submissions, and congratulations to the winners.

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