

4th-graders share winning FCE essays

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

Holyoke fourth-grader Emily Jelden was recently recognized as the winner of the Family Community Education (FCE) Club's "Character Counts" essay and artwork contest.

Jelden received a savings bond from FCE, and her essay and artwork were sent to compete at the state level.

Sarah Razo of Holyoke and Ciera Schelling of Haxtun took second and third respectively.

FCE members Beverly Townsend and Wilma Halbert announced the winners Monday, Jan. 23 and provided each participant with a book from the FCE Club.

The contest is open to all fourth-grade students in public, private and home schools across the state and nation.

The objective of the contest is to promote ethics among children using the "Six Pillars of Character." The contest encourages students to improve their writing and drawing skills along with creating public awareness in the achievement of students. This contest allows local FCE members to participate in a nationwide project and to promote and market FCE to the community during National FCE Week.

By Emily Jelden



Citizenship is about being part of a town. To be a good citizen, you can help, you can get involved, be a good neighbor, be modest, and you can donate.

If you wanted to be a good citizen you can make solutions. Making solutions is a part of being a citizen. By solving solutions you can help your community or others.

Another way to be a better citizen is by recycling. By recycling you can save money and most important help the environment. Recycling is a great way to be a better citizen.

Some more things you can do to be a citizen is getting involved with community work. Getting involved has many parts with being a good citizen. If you want to be a better citizen but you don't know how or a way, you can get involved with activities. Those activities can help the environment like if you pick up trash or make a town look better. But another good way is to stop littering.

Something else is being a good neighbor. By being a good neighbor you can make someone's life better. But in order to do it you have to be nice, share, help, and comfort. Another good way is to return like if they gave you a pie you can give them something in return.

Another good way to be a better citizen is to be modest. Modesty is important because it tells a lot about who you are.

Something else to be a citizen is to donate. If you wanted to help people who need things you can donate stuff that you don't need anymore.

Being a citizen is a good way to become part of your earth and community.

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Being a Good Citizen
By Sarah Razo

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