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19TH 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:
 - 1st Place: Alejandro Xirnia, Gurnee Christian Academy, Mrs. Viclar's class
 - 2nd Place: Nikolas Castaneda, Gurnee Christian Academy, Mrs. Viclar's class
 - 3rd Place: Royce Harris, Gurnee Christian Academy, Mrs. Viclar's class
- First Grade:
 - 1st Place: Ariana Slater, Woodland Elementary East, Ms. Willinski's class
 - 2nd Place: Kiersten Schroeder, Woodland Elementary East, Ms. Willinski's class
 - 3rd Place: Navraj Singh, Woodland Elementary East, Ms. Willinski's class
- Second Grade:
 - 1st Place: Maddie Paul, Woodland Elementary East, Ms. Willinski's class
 - 2nd Place: Valeria Reyes-Horihuela, Woodland Elementary East, Ms. Willinski's class
 - 3rd Place: Ellie Smith, St. Patrick's School, Ms. McCue's class
- Third Grade:

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