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Local Students Drop Savers Water Conservation Contest Winners (NB)

Each year, municipalities across the country declare April as Water Conservation month to promote awareness for water conservation and the importance of water as a vital natural resource. This is an opportunity to inform the public about our high quality drinking water and the vital role drinking water plays in our daily lives. Citizens are asked to know their groundwater source, and to conserve and protect this valuable natural resource for future generations.

As a means to reach future generations and spread the water conservation message, GRU sponsors the annual Florida Section of the American Water Works Association (FSAWWA) Drop Savers Poster Contest to help teach local youth about the importance of conserving our most valuable resource - water. Amazed by the creativity displayed by the participating students, the audience at the Drinking Water Taste Test had a difficult time choosing this year's winners.

First, second and third place winners were selected from each class division:

Winners and Honorable Mentions were selected from each class division. Each winner will have their poster advance to the state-level competition.

Winners:
Division 1: Harper Fitzpatrick (1st Grade) - Ms. Gearhart's class, JJ Finley Elementary
Division 2: Max Duda (3nd Grade) - Ms. Teague's class, JJ Finley Elementary
Division 3: Cecilia Duda (5th Grade)- Ms. Merritt's class, JJ Finley Elementary
Division 4: Mokshvi Shah (8th Grade) - Ms. Brock's class, Oak View Middle School

Honorable Mention:
Division 2: Aziz Dahl (2nd Grade) - Ms. Teague's class, JJ Finley Elementary
Division 3: Jenna Petty (5th Grade) - Ms. Merritt's class, JJ Finley Elementary
Division 4: Maddie Brown (6th Grade) - Dr. Winant's class, Howard Bishop Middle School

In support and recognition of the winning poster contributors, GRU and FSAWWA is providing parties to the winning classes and recognizing the teachers involved in helping educate the students in the value of water conservation.

The fiscal impact is less than $1,000. The funds were budgeted in the Water & Wastewater Systems Operations & Maintenance Budget as part of the GRU water conservation education efforts to support our community's consumptive use permit.

The City Commission recognize local student winners from the Drop Savers Water Conservation Poster Contest.

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