Third Annual Mastering Money Basics Writing Contest Winners

Nebraska Students in Grades K - 5 competed in financial writing contest

ACCESS is pleased to announce the 2014 winners of Mastering Money Basics. Our annual contest is open to Nebraska students in grades K through 5. Winning stories are selected by ACCESS' Board and scores are based on topic, content, illustrations, and educational value.

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This year Hampton Public School, Hampton, Nebraska, won FIRST place with a story titled â€œSaving for An Emergencyâ€• written by Cadance Enderie, Drake Schafer, Kaeli Gunderson, Landon Parsley and Jake Arndt. This short story is something every adult should read. It challenges you with financial situations, and makes you think about why saving is so very important in your life. These young writers are in 4th and 5th grade, their project coordinator was Margo LaBrie. First place school received a $1,000.00 award.

SECOND place went to a cooperative effort between two home Schools, Jaquez Home School and Walter Academy, Lincoln, Nebraska. The story â€œSaving Makes Centsâ€• was written by Nathan Jaquez and Scarlett Walter. Their story indirectly discussed the challenges, and benefits, between just getting something you want verses working hard and saving for the item, in this case a bike. The writers are in the 4th grade, project coordinator was Shelley Jaquez. Second place received a $750.00 award.

Third Place went to Hampton Public School, Hampton, Nebraska with their story titled â€œNest Egg,â€• written by Kaylei Joseph, Judd Alberts, Brea Heeren, Rorie Loveland and Lexie Wolinski. This cleverly illustrated story discusses why you

should â€œbuildâ€• a nest egg, where you should â€œplaceâ€• your nest egg, and even â€œhow toâ€• build a nest egg. The st
4th & 5th grade and their project coordinator was Margo LaBrie. Third place received a $500.00 award.

There were five Honorable Mention winners who received $150.00 each for their schools.

"We're so pleased to see so many schools continuing with this effort. Financial education is a key element to a fruitful life. You just never know what event will spark the next Warren Buffet or Michael Bloomberg, â€• stated Jim Malmberg ACCESS' Director. "This being our third year, seeing what the children are writing, pushes us even harder to expand our program quickly into the higher grades. This next year we hope to have sponsors for the contest and we invite any banks or local businesses to contact us if they are interested. This is a very exciting program and details are available now. Again, congratulations to all the 2014 winners. Job well done! "
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About ACCESS:

ACCESS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a focus on credit and personal financial education. We know from experience that the earlier children begin to receive instructions on financial management, the better equipped they will be to manage their own financial matters as they grow into young adults.

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