

# BASCOL produces local student writing contest winners

BASCOL students participated in the Syracuse Federation Formers in conjunction with Syracuse Federation of Women's Club's sixth annual Youth Poetry and Short Story Creative Writing Contest. Students in grades K-12 were invited

to participate. This annual project encourages creative writing skills in youth, recognizes outstanding writing achievement, enhances healthy self esteem and strives to create a lifelong love for writing. Local first place winners advance to

the state level next. If they win at the state level, they then advance to the national level of GFWC. This year there were 308 entries!

In Poetry, Category 1: Grades K, 1, and 2 Caden Sweet from BASCOL at Long Branch Elementary

School won first place for his poem, "Caden's Christmas Poem." In Poetry, Category 2: Grades 3, 4, and 5 Za'Mear Harley from BASCOL at St. Ann's School won first place for his poem, "Zombies."

In Short Story, Category 2: Grades 3, 4, and 5 Evan Powers from BASCOL @ Stonehedge Elementary won first place for his story, "Saving Christmas Spirit." "Evan's story was creative and imaginative," said BASCOL Executive Director Candace Edwards. "All of our students who par-

ticipated are very talented writers!"

In Short Story, Category 3: Grades 6, 7, and 8 Aiden Lloyd from BASCOL at Elmcrest Elementary won first place for his story, "Camping Trip."

BASCOL's program focuses on core programming areas including art, dramatic play, fine motor skills, literacy, physical education, health and nutrition, social and emotional development and special events. Learning takes place at BASCOL with a mix of fun and recreation,

and field trips are always exciting. BASCOL's professional staff provides a safe and nurturing environment for children to learn and play. BASCOL staff help children grow to their fullest potential by offering choices of a variety of activities.

Call the BASCOL administrative office at 622-4815 or visit bascol.org for more information.

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