

# Liverpool Life

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## Schools

# Elementary Imagination

*BASCOL produces writing contest winners.*

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Several BASCOL students in the Liverpool Central School District were named winners in the fourth annual Youth Poetry and Short Story Creative Writing Contest, presented by the Syracuse Federation Formers in conjunction with Syracuse Federation of Women's Clubs.

Fourth-grader Gemma Colasanti, who attends BASCOL at Soule Road Elementary, won first place for her story, "The Magic Pencil." Third-grader Demmeco Cawthon, who attends BASCOL at Longbranch Elementary, won first place for his poem, "Chilly the Chinchilla."

Fourth-grader Maiya Fitzgibbons, who also attends BASCOL at Longbranch Elementary, won second place for her poem, "BASCOL FUN" and fourth-grader Lily Gravante, who attends BASCOL at Soule Road Elementary, won third place for her poem, "Respect."

"Their ideas and style are refreshing and imaginative," said BASCOL Executive Director Candace Edwards. "They are all talented writers."

Local first place winners advance to the state level next. If they win at the state level, they then advance to the national level. BASCOL's mission is to provide children in kindergarten through sixth grade with the best before and after school program. Visit [bascol.org](http://bascol.org).



Winners Maiya Fitzgibbons, left, and Demmeco Cawthon, right, are with Debbie Labulis, of Long Branch Elementary BASCOL.  
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