

Essay & Poster Contests and School Assemblies

Fourth and fifth grade students in the Greenwood (Millerstown, PA) and Newport (Newport, PA) elementary schools were busy throughout the winter writing and drawing to get their entries ready for the annual *Essay & Poster Contests* sponsored in their school by the local Perry Valley Grange. The purpose of this program is to raise awareness about safety issues among students and community. The Grange has sponsored this contest in both school districts for many years.

The theme for both contests in 2010 was *“Through the Eyes of a Service Dog”*. Student participants were encouraged to use their imagination to describe in their essay or show in a poster how service dogs view a world in which they help deaf, blind or handicapped humans live active, independent lives.



Response in 2010 was the highest ever with a total of 152 entries competing for awards. Cash awards of \$50 - first place, \$30 - second and \$20 - third were given to:

Poster Contest Winners (Greenwood)

- 1st – Caitlyn Cauffman, Millerstown
- 2nd – Maggie Campbell, Millerstown
- 3rd – Jamaal Johnson, Liverpool

Poster Contest Winners (Newport)

- 1st – Breann Miller, Newport
- 2nd – Hayley Lesh, Newport
- 3rd – Kayla Bryson, Newport

Essay Contest Winners (Greenwood)

- 1st – Brooke Rumberger, Millerstown
- 2nd – Parker Taylor, Millerstown
- 3rd – Jordan Engle, Liverpool

Essay Contest Winners (Newport)

- 1st – Ellie Templeton, Newport
- 2nd – Matthew Robbins, Newport
- 3rd – Samantha McHenry, Newport

School Assembly Programs – March 30, 2010

Service Dog Demonstration

An awards assembly was held in each school on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. Susquehanna Service Dogs of Harrisburg sent two volunteers and one of its dogs in training to provide a demonstration to the students. Wrigley (the dog) was popular with the students as he showed how he can help a physically disabled person with routine tasks like picking up items, turning on a light switch or finding a “lost” telephone.

Trainer Karen Johnston and Service Dog Wrigley

