

Windsor Elementary Student Wins Regional Award In 2018 VSBA Art Contest

ISLE OF WIGHT CO., VA – March 22, 2018--Local school board members were treated to an impressive display of creativity and faced some tough decisions in selecting the 2018 winners of the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Tidewater Regional Art Contest on March 19. Student art from the elementary, middle, and high school levels represented each school division in the competition, which was judged at the regional forum for area school board members.

Local student, Autumn Watson, from Windsor Elementary School, was the elementary school winner. Autumn is a fourth grader in Ms. Emily's Bradshaw's art class. In addition, seventh grader Kierra Christensen, from Smithfield Middle School, placed second in the middle school category. Kierra's art teacher is Mr. Kevin Segner.

"The contest showcases the best art work from each division in the region," said Superintendent Dr. Jim Thornton. "This is the second year we have had two of our entries place, including a first place. I am extremely proud of our students and congratulate them on their outstanding talent."

The VSBA Regional Art Contest was started in 1989 to promote the artistic talents of Virginia's public school students. For each of the nine VSBA regions, a winner is chosen for the elementary, middle, and high school levels. The winning art is framed and displayed in the offices of the VSBA in Charlottesville and the Richmond offices of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.



*Flower Pot by Autumn Watson
4th grade, Windsor Elementary*



*Tusk by Kierra Christensen
7th grade, Smithfield Middle*

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