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PBS 45 & 49 announces local winners of 11th Annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers & Illustrators contest

KENT, Ohio — PBS 45 & 49 announced today the local winners in the kindergarten, first-, second- and third-grade categories of the Reading Rainbow 11th Annual Young Writers & Illustrators Contest [see below for complete list of winners].

PBS 45 & 49’s local winners were announced at the PBS 45 & 49 / Summit Mall Family Expo in Akron, hosted by Children Services of Summit County in honor of Child Abuse/Family Awareness Month.

The stations’ four grand-prize winners will receive $50 Borders Books and Music gift certificates, and their stories will be submitted to the national competition. All second- and third-place winners will receive $25 Borders gift certificates. Grand prize and second- and third-place stories will be available to read on the PBS 45 & 49 Web site (www.pbs4549.org) by April 30, 2005.

The Reading Rainbow 11th Annual Young Writers & Illustrators Contest encouraged children in kindergarten through grade three to submit their original stories and illustrations to PBS 45 & 49 for local prizes and a chance to compete at the national level. Submissions were accepted from January until March 4, 2005. Entries were judged on originality, creative expression, storytelling and integration of text and illustrations. Over 400 children entered this year’s contest.

Reading Rainbow, hosted by actor LeVar Burton, is a critically acclaimed television series that encourages children ages 5 to 10 to read. It is the most-used television program in local K-3 classrooms. The Emmy Award-winning series airs weekdays at 11 a.m. on PBS 45 & 49. Local funding for Reading Rainbow is provided by Learning Rx.

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# Winners of PBS 45 & 49’s Reading Rainbow
## 11th Annual Young Writers & Illustrators Contest

### Kindergarten Winners

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<td>***Grand Prize</td>
<td>Madison Williams</td>
<td>Polkadot and Emily</td>
<td>Dave and Lynn Williams</td>
<td>330-670-0670</td>
<td>Akron</td>
<td>Ohio Virtual Academy</td>
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<td>***Second Place</td>
<td>Carson Keenan</td>
<td>My Favorite Signs</td>
<td>David and Michele Keenan</td>
<td>330-896-7161</td>
<td>Uniontown</td>
<td>St Francis de Sales, Akron</td>
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<td>***Third Place</td>
<td>Alexandra Wooldredge</td>
<td>Letters Are Falling From the Sky</td>
<td>John and Sharon Wooldredge</td>
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<td>***Grand Prize</td>
<td>Vanessa Snyder</td>
<td>Ten Little Kittens Playing in a Barn</td>
<td>Thomas and Cynthia Snyder</td>
<td>330-875-3871</td>
<td>Louisville</td>
<td>Portage Collaborative Montessori School, North Canton</td>
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<td>***Second Place</td>
<td>Marissa Williams</td>
<td>The Princess Gets Captured</td>
<td>Dave and Lynn Williams</td>
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<td>***Third Place</td>
<td>Josie Michalec</td>
<td>Mysterious</td>
<td>Shawn Michalec and Jacqueline Justice</td>
<td>330-678-4936</td>
<td>Ravenna</td>
<td>Brimfield Elementary</td>
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**2nd Grade Winners**

***Grand Prize***
- **Name:** Taylor N. Martin
- **Story Title:** Clouds
- **Parents:** Michael and Jennifer Martin
- **Home Phone:** 330-896-1852
- **City:** Uniontown
- **School:** Home schooled

***Second Place***
- **Name:** Rebecca Wilson
- **Story Title:** The Butterfly’s Birthday
- **Parents:** Danny and Vicky Wilson
- **Home Phone:** 330-767-4320
- **City:** Navarre
- **School:** Brewster Elementary

***Third Place***
- **Name:** Luke Myers
- **Story Title:** The Snow Monkey
- **Parents:** Matthew and Rosanne Myers
- **Home Phone:** 330-296-5333
- **City:** Ravenna
- **School:** Willyard Elementary

**3rd Grade Winners**

***Grand Prize***
- **Name:** MacKinzie Smith
- **Story Title:** How the Turtle Got Its Shell
- **Parents:** Hugh and Sabrina Smith
- **Home Phone:** 330-868-5564
- **City:** Minerva
- **School:** Home schooled

***Second Place***
- **Name:** Emma Sampson
- **Story Title:** When I Got in Trouble
- **Parents:** Paul and Janice Sampson
- **Home Phone:** 330-677-4853
- **City:** Kent
- **School:** Holden Elementary

***Third Place***
- **Name:** Carson Greco
- **Story Title:** The 3 Little Penguins
- **Parents:** Dan and Ramona Greco
- **Home Phone:** 440-871-7933
- **City:** Westlake
- **School:** Dover Elementary